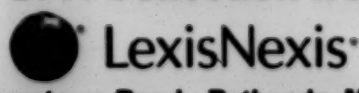
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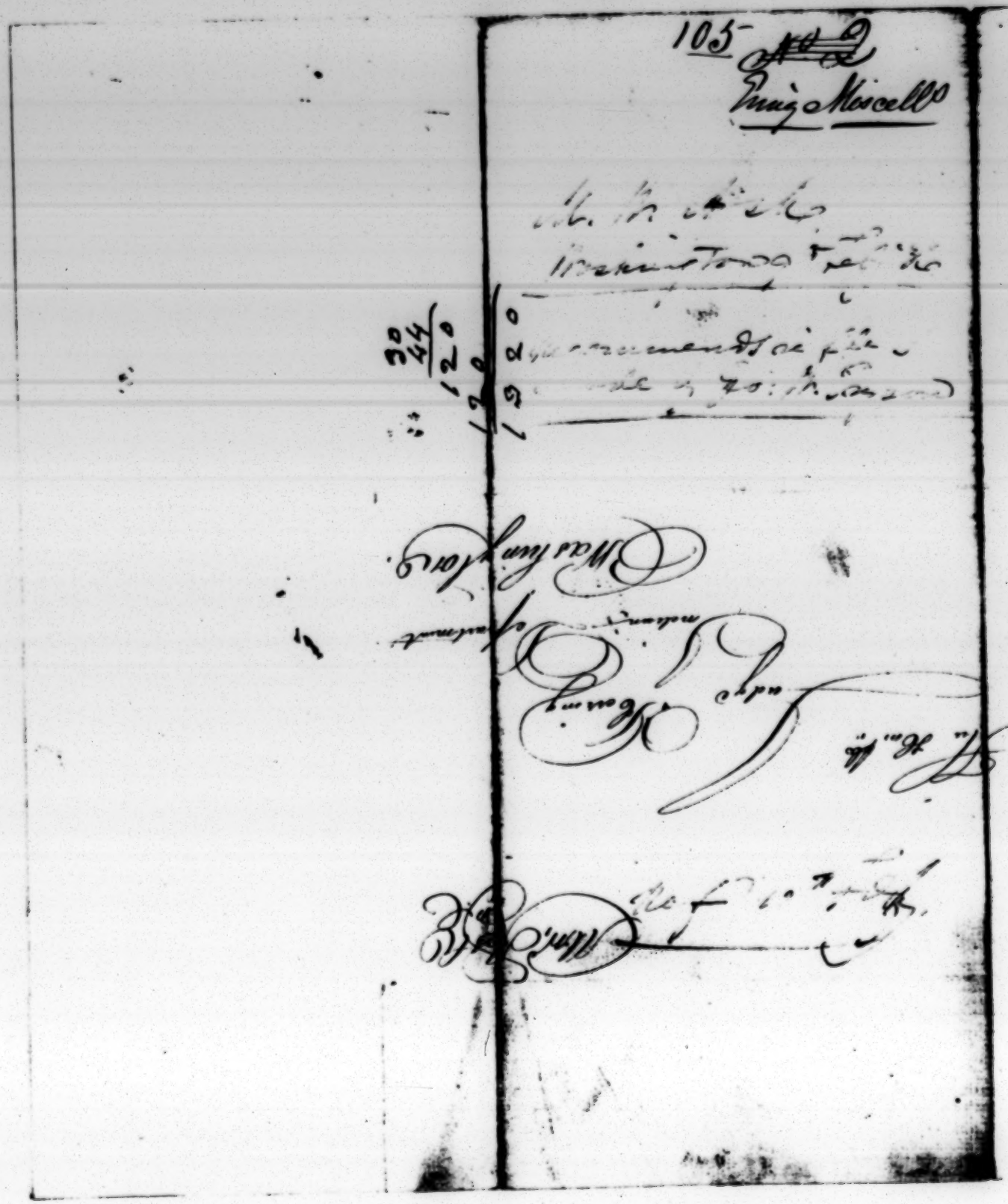
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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) HON.M.M.ASH to GEN.CEO.GIBSON (RECOMMEDNS RIFLES MADE BY G.W.TRYON)



REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

105 N° 2

Luigi Moscello

R.E. 11 Feby

Returned by Com. Ind. Affs

Mr. Thursday

Washington Feby 9. 1836

My dear Sir.

My particular friend George W. Fryor, Esq. Notifies me, that he has on hand 500 Rifles, which he is anxious to dispose of to the U. States. Mr. Fryor is a Gentleman of talents and respectability, and one of the most decided friends of the Administration, and an active and zealous member of the Democratic Party; I should esteem it a personal favour, if the Department would cause an inspection of Mr. Fryor's rifles to be made, (which will be equal to any that are made by other manufacturers) with a view to purchase—

I shall be much gratified by your early attention to this matter, and will be obliged by a compliance with my request at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Wm. D. Stidham

The Honble
Secy of War

11.5 Enuig. Miscell.s

Hon. Michael Ash

Washington June 2. 1839

Relative to Rifles manufactured by Mr. Tryon of Phila. which the Gentleman expected would be purchased by the Dept. — Wishes the Dept. would take some of Mr. T.'s Rifles

11.

3 June

Rec.d 3 June

Washington June 2.d 1795.

My dear Sir.

I received this morning, a letter from our friend Major G.W. Fayon of the City of Philadelphia, on the subject of Duties, which he alledges, he has a right to resist, and has in consequence of this, refused Defendant — I will endeavour to shew you in the course of a day or two, what Mr Fayon's letter will be — I wish sincerely that you could help Mr Fayon, by taking charge of his Duties — Mr Fayon is one of our most estimable and influential Citizens, and is entirely worthy of the favourable notice of the Government; — and from that I have had — Seeing from the high Character of Mr Fayon as a Citizen, should suppose that the intent of the Government would be forwarded by encouraging Mr Fayon's Manufactory — I left the Clerk my Signature to Mr Fayon, as the best which I can suppose I have, that the Duties Refused on hand, shall be Calculated by the Amount, he has — shewn Mr Fayon to me.

I am Sir Your Friend & Servt

Alexander Hamilton

Genl. Geo.g Gibson
C. G. S. U. States.

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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) HON.JOHN BANKS (FOR MR MC KEAN INQUIRES IF DEPT WISHES ANY SPINNING WHEELS,LOOMS,ETC)

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War Dept. Recd Feby 13. 1836

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Hon. John Bowlin

Enclosing letter from Mr Wm. Read enquiring if any Spinning Wheels, looms &c are wanted by the Dept

Respectfully referred to Com. Gen. of Subsistence, Office Ind. Affs Feby 16. 1836.

16 Feby 1836

Ho. of Reps. Feby 13. 1836

Hon. 459

John Bankhead

Enclosing letter from Mr
Mc Kean enquiring if any
Spinning Wheels, looms &c
are wanted by the Dept

Referred to Com. Ord.
& Ordnance

respectfully referred to Com. Ord.
& Fortification, Office Ord. & Fort.
Feby 16. 1836.

16 Feby/1836

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Returns from Off Sec Affs
16 Feby.

Ans. 17 Feby

Elbert Herring Esq.

Please give me the information
asked for in the inclosed letter.

Yours &c.
Ed Bradley
House of Reps
Feby 13 - 1838



Free

Hon John Banks

Washington

D. C.

D.r Sir.

Washington Jany 18th

I wish you would go to Pena as to Cal, at the office of the Indian department, & see if there be any Spinning wheels reels or Looms to be made, if so I would engage any quantity that might be required, & would deliver them at any place where the might be wanted. — — ———

Plase write to me as Soon as Convenient & let me Know what the prospects are ———

Your Respectfully

Hon John Bank

James McKean

1836 MISC. (EMIGR) D.A.A.BUCK,DISB.AGENT -- (ASKS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE. INC A/CS FOR 3D QUARTER,1836)
to GEN.GEO.GIBSON with vouchers-

B383 496
Emig. Miscell.

July 6. 1836

D. A. A. Buck
Emgt of Indians &c
6 July 1836
Requesting leave of
absence

6 July

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Emigration of Indians
Off. Comy. Genl. Subs:
6. July 1836

Major J. H. Hook.
Act. Comy. Genl. Subs.

Sir.

I have it in contemplation to make a journey to Vermont in the course of the current summer, if I can obtain leave of absence from this office for that purpose, which I now respectfully request. My object in the journey is, to close up some private affairs, and to make the necessary arrangements for bringing my family to this City; and shall wish to leave on the first of August. The period of time requisite for the accomplishment of my business, I cannot anticipate with certainty; and shall therefore esteem it as a desireable indulgence, that my furlough may embrace the months of August and September, to be diminished, however, should the public service require my earlier attendance.

It may be proper to remark that I [redacted] consulted Genl. Gibson on this subject, previous to his leaving this City, who expressed his entire readiness to approve of any arrangement you should make.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Mo. Obdt. Servt.
D. AZRO A. BUCK

This requested leave of absence has my concurrence
provided it meets the approbation of the Secretary of War, but if there is any doubt [illegible]
about his leave [illegible] being granted, I shall [illegible] C. A. G.
[illegible] return [illegible] at an earlier day, [illegible] the 6 July 1836

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Communication Gen. must stand on the
basis.

My address will be
Chelsea
Orange Co.
Vermont

Emig Misc'l B 4 3

D. A. A. Buck

Emigrat'n Ind Bureau
Oct 15th 1836

Enclosing Accts for Disbmts
in the Emigrat'n Ind Bureau
for the Quarter ending 30th
September 1836.

15 Oct

Recd 15 Oct.

Emig Ind. Bureau
Off Comy. Genl Subsist.
Oct 15. 1836

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. Subsist.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to forward to you my Account of disbursements for Contingency for the Emig. Indn Bureau for the Quarter ending Sept 30. 1836

I am very respectfully
Yr Mo Obdt Servt
D McKOBBEN

William Dorsetts Salary from the
1st of Jany to 15 may 1836 inclusive at
$500.- per an is . . . $186.81
Paid by Capt Hunt from the
1st Jany to 13 May inclusive at
$15.00 per mo . . . 67.50
$ 119.31
paid by Col Buck from the
16 may to 30 June 1836 inclusive 22.50
Balle 30 June 1836 . . . $ 96.81
paid Wm for July . $15.00
paid Wm Goldsmith . 6.75 21.75
Balc 1. Augt . . . 75.06
Paid J R Dorsett
for Month Augt . . . 15.00
Balance 1st Sept. 60.06
paid for Sept . . . 15.00
45.06
paid for Oct . . . 15.00
30.06
paid for Nov . . . 15.00
15.06

THE UNITED STATES, TO J. R. Dorsett DR,

1836 Feby 1.	For services of his Son William in the Office of Emigration of Indians Subs. Department as laborer from the 1st to the 31 January 1836	$15.00
	Approved	

Received Washington February 1st 1836 of ~~Capt. Thomas Hunt~~ WILLIAM C. EASTON,

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians. fifteen Dollars, and _____ Cents, in full for above account.

J. R. Dorsett

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE UNITED STATES, TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR.

1836 March 31.	For services in the Office of Emigration of Indians Subsistence Department as laborer from the 1st to the 31 March 1836 at $15. per Month	$15. 00

Approved

Received Washington March 31. 1836 of Capt. Thomas Hunt ~~WILLIAM G. EASTON~~,

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Fifteen Dollars, and ——— Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

THE UNITED STATES, TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR,

1836 Feby 29.	For services of his son Williams as Laborer in the Office Emigration of Indians Subsistence Department from the first to the 29th of Feby 1836 1 Month at $	$15. 00

Approved

Received Washington February 29. 1836 of Capt. Thomas Hunt ~~WILLIAM G. EASTON~~,

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians. Fifteen dollars

~~Dollars, and~~ Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE UNITED STATES, TO Felder R. Dorsett DR.

1836 May 31.	For services of Jon William as Messenger in the Emigrating Indian Bureau Office Com. Gen. Subs. from the 1 January to 16 May 1836 inclusive – 4 Months and 15 days at $500. per Annum	$186.81

Received Washington June 24 1836 of D. A. A. Buck

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigrating Indians, Bureau Office Com. Gen. Subs

one hundred eighty six Dollars, and eighty one Cents, in full for above account.

THE UNITED STATES, TO Felder R. Dorsett DR,

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Received Washington June 24 1836 of D. A. A. Buck

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigrating Indians Bureau Office Com. Gen. Subs

one hundred eighty six Dollars, and eighty one Cents, in full for above account.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE UNITED STATES, TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR.

1836 May 31.	For services of Son William as laborer in the Emigration of Indians, Office Com. Gen. Subs. from the 1st to the 15 May 1836 inclusive at $15. per Month	$7.50

Received Washington June 2. 1836 of Capt. Thomas Hunt ~~WILLIAM O. BARTON~~,
Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Seven ——— Dollars, and Fifty ——— Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

THE UNITED STATES, TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR.

1836 April 30.	For services of Son William as Laborer from the 1st to the 30th of April 1836 in the Emigration of Indians Office Com. Gen. Subs. One month at $15. per month	15.00

Approved

Received Washington April 30. 1836 of Capt. Thomas Hunt ~~WILLIAM O. BARTON~~,
Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Fifteen ——— Dollars, and ——— Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec.d June 30.th 1836 from D. A. A Buck Agent for paying Salaries in Emg. Ind Bureau off Comy Gen.l Subs.ce Twenty two dollars fifty cents on account of my son Williams services in said Office from 18.th May to 30.th June 1836.

F. R. Dorsett

THE UNITED STATES, TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR.

1836 Aug.t 31.	For Services of Jon Williams as Messenger in the Emigrating Ind.n Bureau, Office Comm.y Gen.l Subsistence, for the Month of August 1836, at the rate of $180,00 per annum	$15=00

D. A. A. Buck

Received Washington August 31.st 1836 of WILLIAM C. EASTON,

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Bureau (Thos. L. Mc Kenney)

Fifteen Dollars, and ——— Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE UNITED STATES, TO Filder Dorsett DR.

1836 July 30	For Services of Son William as Messenger in the Emigrating Indian Bureau, Office of the Commy Genl of Subsistence, for the Month of July, 1836, at the rate of $180.00/100 per Annum	$ 15 "

D. A. A. Buck

Received Washington July 30th 1836 of WILLIAM G. EASTON,

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Bureau, Fifteen

Dollars, and Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

THE UNITED STATES, TO Filder R. Dorsett DR,

1836 Augt 31	For Services of Son William as Messenger in the Emigrating Indian Bureau, Office Commy. Genl of Subsistence, for the Month of August 1836, at the rate of $180.00/100 per annum	$ 15=00

D. A. A. Buck

Received Washington, August 31st 1836 of WILLIAM G. EASTON,

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Bureau (this J. Waugh)

Fifteen Dollars, and Cents, in full for above account.

F. R. Dorsett

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE UNITED STATES. TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR..

1836 Oct.	4	For services of Son William as laborer in the Emigrating Indian Bureau Office Com. Gen. Subs. from the 1st to the 30th of September 1836 One month at $15. per Month	$15. 00

Received Washington, October 4, 1836 of D. A. & R. A. Buck
Agent for ~~Removal and Subsistence of~~ payment of Salaries & Contingt. in the Emig. Ind. Bureau Office Indians
Com. Gen. Subs. Fifteen — Dollars, and ———— Cents, in full of above account

Jr. R. Dorsett

THE UNITED STATES, TO Fielder R. Dorsett DR.

1836 Oct.	4	For services of Son William as Laborer in the Emigrating Indian Bureau Office Com. Gen Subs. from the 1st to the 30th of September 1836 One month at $15. per Month	$15. 00

Received Washington Oct. 4. 1836 of D. A. & R. A. Buck
Agent for the ~~Removal and Subsistence of~~ payment of Salaries & Contingt. in the Emig. Ind. Bureau Office ~~Indians~~
Gen. Subs. Fifteen — Dollars, and ———— Cents, in full for above account.

Jr, R, Dorsett

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE UNITED STATES, TO William Goldsmith DR.

1836			
July 30	To Services as Messenger in the Emigrating Indian Bureau, Office of the Commy. Gen.l of Subsistence, from the 9th to the 16 of May, 7 days, at the rate of $300 per annum	9	38
	Deduct 2.63	2	63
		6	75

Received Washington July 30th 1836 of WILLIAM C. EASTON, D. A. A. Buck

Agent for payment of Salaries and Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, Bureau, Six ——

—— Dollars, and Seventy five Cents, in full for above account.

William Goldsmith

Received Washington Dec.r 31.st 1836
from D A A Buck fifteen dollars in
full for my son Williams pay as Messenger
in the Emig.n Indn Bureau for the Month
of December 1836.

F.t R. Dorsett

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Commissary General of Subsistence Office,
Washington City,

to Steffin & Pamy,
Edrs. "Pennsylvanian," &c.

1835 March 21. To Adv "Supplies for Indians,"
2 sq. cod tik. April 10, 9t. $6.66½

Received Payment
Steffin & Pamy.

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MISCELLANEOUS (EMIGR) FILE

WASHINGTON, 4/19,1836 DERINGER,HENRY (Stating that under a verbal contract with Maj Armstrong he caused to be finished 1000 rifles for the U S but in consequence of the loss of the appropriation bill of 1835 and the death of Maj Armstrong were not delivered. Requesting the Dept to order for the present the delivery of 500,etc)

C. April, 1836.

Indian Emigration
Office
Report

Reported on
IW.

Emig Miscell 68 Referred

H. Dennigan Esq.
Wash. April 19, 1836

Stating, that under a public
contract with Major Armstrong
he came to be furnished
1000 Rifles for the U. S. but
in consequence of the loss of
the appr. Bill of 1835 & the
death of Maj A. were not
delivered. — Requesting the
Dept. to order for the present
the delivery of 500 &c

23 April

Rec'd 23d Sept.

Dear Sir,

Washington Sept 19th 1836.

Ten years since, in pursuance of a verbal order and Contract with Major Armstrong, I caused to be finished one Thousand Rifles, for the Government of the United States, which in consequence of the loss of the appropriation Bill in 1835, were not delivered to the Government agent, and since which time, the death of Major Armstrong, has interrupted their delivery, and prevented me from receiving the money for them, to my great injury.

For the particulars of the Contract referred to, I respectfully refer you to Major Reeder now in this City, to whom the late lamented Major Armstrong, previously to his death, narrated the particulars of it: and who will furthermore say, that the Rifles of H Dellinger (my late partner) were good; and that in all instances, full and Complete justice was done by me.

I have supplied the U States with Rifles, for Twenty Eight years, under similar verbal orders, and under no other than verbal orders, and heretofore no objections were made, nor any difficulties interposed, to prevent me from the receipt of the money.

It will be readily perceived, that a large amount of property, kept on hand for two years, must be attended with considerable loss, and much inconvenience; and there has been a positive loss

(Continued over)

attending this transaction; which I am confident the Government must regret.

I will lastly observe, that there can exist no doubt about the Contract referred to, from the circumstances before alluded to, and I would therefore (respectfully) suggest that your Department should order 500 Rifles out of the 1000, to be delivered to your agent at this time, and the balance of them, to await your further orders, in case the whole number should not ever be required: this would be some small indemnification for the loss sustained, by him so long delayed from the receipt of the money for the whole Contract.

I am Dear Sir,
Your Obd.t Humble Servant

The Hon.ble
Lewis Cass
Sec.y of War
Washington

Wm. Brown

1836 MISC. (EMIGR) WM.C.EASTON-- to " (RESIGNS POSITION AS CLERK IN OFFICE. REL TO HIS A/CS.ETC)
GEN.GEO.GIBSON 4 LETTERS

Emig. Misc. Vol 18 Ref.

Wm. C. Easton Esq.

Mobile, 22nd Feby 1836

Approving of the Secretary of his letter to the Comm.r Genl. Sale in relation to the Principal Chickasaw in the Off. of the Emig.n of Inds.

11 March 1836.
Indian Emigration Office

11th March

Emig. Misc. 1838 Ref.

Wm. C. Easton Esq

Mobile, 22nd May 1836

Respecting the Secretary of his letter to the Comm. Genl. date in reference to the Principal Chiefs Delegation in the Off. of the Emigr. of Inds.

11 March 1836.
Indian Emigration
Office

11th March

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Refered to Mr

Mobile 22d. Feby 1830.

Hon: Lewis Cass,
Secy of War

Sir, I have this day advised General Gibson of my resignation - to take effect on the 1st. of March next - of the post of Principal Clerk of the Emigration of Indians. Suffer me to thank you most sincerely for the many marks of confidence I have enjoyed at your hands, and to subscribe myself

Very Respectfully
Yr. most obt. Sv.
H. O. Easton

Emig & Miscell 17

Com C. Easton

Mobile 22nd Feb. 1836

Resigning the situation of Principal Clerk in this Office & stating that $1 month is to be added to his acct will be forwarded &c

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec? Pollard Mobile 22d. Febry 1836.

Genl Gibson

Sir,

I hereby resign into your hands the office of Principal Clerk of the Emigration of Indians - the resignation to take effect on the 1st of March next. Permit me to say, that nothing but a sense of imperious duty could induce me to this step. I have been so long and so agreeably connected with you in the performance of public services most conformable to my feelings; I have been honored by you with so much personal regard, and so successful in attracting the confidence of the able head of the War Department; - I have, in fine, been in the enjoyment of so many pleasing and profitable associations whilst with you, - that no ordinary degree of sensibility is experienced by me on this occasion. I hope, Sir, that you may for many years continue to preside over the branch the War Dept, rendered so efficient under your administration; and that a long period of usefulness to the public and of consequent happiness to your friends, may still remain.

I take the liberty to add, that I have determined to settle in this place in the practice of the law - enclosed is my card.

In a few days I shall forward to you vouchers to a considerable amount, which can be added to my account now in Mr J. H. Wearing's possession. I have made arrangements whereby to deposit whatever balance on settlement may be against me, in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. States.

Very respectfully Sir Your Most Obt Servt

H. O. Pollard

Emig Miscell 21.

Wm C. Easton
Mobile March 8th 1836.

Sends a voucher to be placed with his accts &c.

Fort Gibson Ark. 21.

Lieut. Clifford E. Carter
Collecting Emigrants 1836.
Asks a resolve to
fix Home Matters
&c.

Emigration of Indians

2362

Commissary General of Subsistence

Washington City

Lieut.

AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Mobile 8th March 1836

Genl George Gibson
Commy Genl Subs:

Sir,

Rec'd / Gibson
Genl's Office May 1836

Enclosed is a voucher for my salary as Principal Clerk of the Emigrations of Indians, from the 1st of January to the 1st of March 1836, amounting to three hundred dollars. I was under the impression when I last wrote that I had another voucher or two which had been left with my account in Washington, and I am somewhat of that impression now, but I have been recently so engaged as to preclude that examination of my papers necessary to discover the fact. Be pleased to approve the voucher enclosed and to permit the gentleman in whose charge I left my papers to add it to my acct. As I have before stated, I have made arrangements to have deposited to the credit of the Treasurer the United States whatever sum may, by reason of my not traveling into the interior of this state, appear to remain in my hands on settlement.

With great respect I am Sir
Yr most obdt
Wm O. Easton

Copy / W. G. Easton
to Rev. Getman
Mohtes March 8. 1836

Copy

Mobile 8th March 1836

Genl George Gibson,
Com. Gen. Subs.

Sir,

I inclosed a voucher for my salary as Principal Clk of Engraving & Indians, from the 1st. June to the 1st March 1836, amt $ 300 — which under the impression when I last wrote that I had sent the voucher which should have been left with my agent in Washn. and I am somewhat surprised that it has not been received, but I have been recently so engaged as to preclude the examination of my papers necessary to ascertain the fact. Be pleased to approve the voucher enclosed and permit the gentleman in whose charge I left my papers to add it to my acct.

As I began I stated I have made arrangements to have deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. States here by my agent a portion of my rent travelling into the interior of this State, appears to remain in my hands unsettled

Respectfully Yours
W. C. Easton

Dom. Miscell.ᵒ 22.

Wm. C. Easton

Mobile May 18th 1836.

Sends a copy of a letter from him of 8th March and of a voucher to be placed with his acct and says he has taken steps to have the balance due from him to the Govt deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer U.S.

June 7.

Rec'd 7 June. Mobile May 18. 1836.

General Geo Gibson and this day rec'd

Sir,

I received yours of the 26th ultimo only a day or two since and am surprised to learn that you had not received mine of the 8th March enclosing a certain voucher for three hundred dollars. A copy of that letter is herewith, and the voucher in ~~duplicate~~ duplicate - be pleased to have it passed to my Credit. I do not doubt that the amount of the balance against me has already been deposited to the credit of the Treasurer, as I have made arrangements to have it done that night by no means to disappoint me. If however this has not been done or it shall not appear very shortly to be done, I will make the deposit in this city than to run the almost certain risk of having again to draw the amount from the Treasury. I do not wish to retain for one instant a dollar of the public funds in my hands, and should not, as you are aware, have a dollar charged

to me, if it had not been for the anticipation of my going hence a public duty at the Creek Country.

This explanation is due to myself, though by no means demanded of me by you.

I am Sir with great respect
Your ob't. Sv't
H. C. Easton

The triplicate voucher mentioned herein was ~~not in fact~~ handed by me to Mr Eakin, who destroyed it. the original being filed with Mr Eastons accts

B. K. Morris (Clerk)
7 June 1834

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

1836	MISC. (EMIGR)	ACT SEC'Y OF WAR C A HARRIS	(REQUESTS ESTIMATE OF FUNDS REQUIRED TO MEET TREATY STIPULATIONS FOR REMOVAL & SUBSISTENCE OF INDIANS SINCE 1829. also STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.ETC)

329½ ~~Fin~~ Misc'll

Secretary of War
to
Com Gen'l. Subs.
16. May 1836

Requesting to be informed
of the number of Letters
or calls for information
by members of Congress
&c &c.

The Secretary of War requests to be informed of the number of letters or calls for information, or requiring answers, made on the various bureaux of the War Department by Members of Congress during the present Session, excluding those referred from the Secretary's own office.

sig. C. A. Harris

16 May 1836

F. 160
Miscell. Enq.

C. A. Harris, C. Clerk
3 April 1836

Stating that Mr. French
of Ky wishes to know the
Amt. of expenditure for Road
& Levees of Ind. since 4th
March 1829 up to 1835.

Mr. French of Ky. wishes to know the whole expenditure since 4 Mar 1829 for removal and subsistence of Indians, giving the amount for each year, and then the aggregate up to the year 1835 inclusive.

C. A. Harris,
5 Apl. 1836

207 Emig & Miscell.

C. A. Harris
Act'g Secy War
9th Sept. 1836.

Asking an estimate of the funds necessary for Ind. Rem.l in 1837. and a Report of funds remitted to disb'g Agents in the three first qrs 1836, &c. and Report of number Inds removed since last annual Report &c &c.

Ref to Depts. Ind. Affrs. 13th Sept.

9 Sept.

207 Emig & Miscell.

C. A. Harris
Act'g Secy War
9th Sept. 1836.

Asking an estimate of the funds necessary for Ind. Rem.l in 1837. and a Report of funds remitted to disb'g Agents in the three first qrs 1836, &c. and Report of number Inds removed since last annual Report &c &c.

Ref. 13 Sept.
Ins. Gen. Harris

9 Sept.

(Copy)

War Department
September 9, 1836.

Sir,

In addition to the documents called for in my letter of this date, you are requested to furnish this Department with the following Estimate and Reports in duplicate, on or before the 20th day of October next, viz.

Estimate.

1. Of the amount that will be required to be appropriated for the expenses of the Emigration of Indians, under stipulations in treaties with different tribes, for the year 1837, distinguishing the expenses of removal, of subsistence, and of the purchase of articles, the supply of which, is provided for by treaty.

Reports

1. Of the amount of funds remitted to Agents and disbursing Officers, for the expenses of Indian Emigration, during the three first quarters of the present year, and the amount for which accounts have been rendered for settlement by each during the same period.
2. Shewing the number of Indians removed since the date of your last annual report, distinguishing the different tribes, and designating the quantity and situation of the land

assigned to each for its new residence. You will also please to state the number of Indians yet to be removed under existing treaty stipulations, the arrangements for their removal, and any circumstances of interest connected therewith, and to add such general observations as you may think proper respecting the condition and relations of the Emigrated tribes in the country to which they have been removed.

Very Respectfully
Your mo ob. Svt
C. A. Harris
Actg Secy of War

See if money is granted to fulfil[l] treaty stipulations with any tribe

Ennis Miscell.
T. 349. 99. Referred

Oct. 12th. 1836.

Referred to the different disbursing Bureaux of the War Department who will instruct their disbursing Officers to give reasonable notice in all cases where Specie will be demanded from the deposite Banks. When it is known here, however, that a demand for Specie will be made, the request for a requisition, should state the fact, so that the Treasury Dept. will have notice, and through them, the Banks.

Sig. C. A. Harris

13 Oct. 1836.

Copy.

Treasury Department
October 11. 1836.

Sir,

By a letter this day received from the Cashier of the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Mobile, it appears that on the 28th. ult.° that Bank was called on, without any previous notice to pay the following sums in Specie by officers acting under the directions of the War Department, viz:

Capt. John Page	$ 80.000
" H. Stanton	50.000
Warrant in favor of Governor C.C. Clay, assigned to General Jesup	30.000
	$ 160.000

I have to request, that disbursing officers acting under the orders of the War Department may be cautioned & respecting the making, or authorizing such very large calls for Specie at once, without giving reasonable notice to the Bank upon which such calls are made.

I am, Sir
Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Sv.
Sigd, Levi Woodbury
Secy. of the Treas.

C.A. Harris Esq
Acting Secy. of War.

Emig of Kinsell 201

C. A. Harris
to
Oct 26. 1836

Requesting an estimate of the funds that will probably be required to meet treaty stipulations for Removal & Subsistence of Indians &c &c

[redacted] to March '29

Rec'd 26 Oct

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
October 26th 1836.

Sir,

I have to request that you will furnish this office with an estimate of the sums that will probably be required to complete the execution of the provisions in treaties made with Indian tribes since March 4th 1829, for removal and subsistence, and for the purchase of articles stipulated to be furnished to emigrants, and which have been usually procured under your direction.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
C. A. Harris,
Comr

Brig. Genl
George Gibson,
Commissary General of Subsistence.

Emy Miscell 202 ref:

C. A. Harris

Oct 26th 1836.

Requesting a statement of the appropriations made for Ran[d] and Subs: Dr of Indn: Serv[e] 4th Mar 1829.

Office 25 affairs
26 Oct. 1836
C. A. Harris
Rec[d] 26
Ans[d]

W Petty

Respectfully referred to the Commy Genl of Subs — shewing with the removal of the Indians

War Department
Office Indian Affairs.
October 26th 1836

Sir,

I have to request that you will furnish this office with a statement of the amount of the appropriations for the removal and subsistence of Indians, and for the purchase of the several articles stipulated to be furnished to emigrants, since the 4th of March 1829.

Very respectfully
Your mo obt svt
C. A. Harris,
Comr.

William B. Lewis, Esq.
Second Auditor

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

1836 MISC. (EMIGR) HON.W.L.D.EWING (INQUIRES IF GHOLSON KERCHEVAL HAS BEEN APPOINTED IND.AGENT)

Ref'd

June 20 1836.
Indian Emigration
Office

Ans. Hon. Com.
&c. &c. &c.

Ans'd W.D. Coly 1. 36.

2 July

23 Ref'd

Emig Miscell's

Hon W. L. D. Ewing

29 June, 1836

Enquiring whether or not
Gholem Rescheval Esq
has been appointed
Indian Agent

2 July

Ref'd

1.

June 20 1836.

Indian Emigration Office

Rec. Exam. Corr. &c. &c.

And R. O. Coly 1. 36.

2 July

23

Ref'd

Emig Miscell's

Hon W. L. D. Ewing

29 June 1836

Enquiring whether or not Gholson Rucheval Esq has been appointed Indian Agent

2 July

Ref.d 2 July
ans.d by War Dept. July 1st

Hon. L. Cass

Sir. Will you do me the favor to inform me whether Mr. Kinchevalle has been appointed Indian Agent or not I am anxious to know before I leave here, which will be on Sunday next.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yr. Obt. Servt.
W. L. D. Ewing
June 29. 1836

MISCELLANEOUS (EMIGR) FILE

WASHINGTON, 4/29,1836 — GIBSON, GEO. COM. GENERAL to CAPT. J. BROWN, LT. VAN HORNE — (Rel. to Mackey contract for furnishing beef, etc)

April 29th 1836

Lt. Van Horne
Dis 6 Aq. 3d Inf. Recd.
Fort Gibson

Inclosed you will find copies of two papers, the one a letter of the 20th Feb. and the other a Statement of Rations said to have been issued to Cherokee Indrs. by Saml. Mackay, the originals of these papers have been transmitted to this Office by Mr. Mackay.

It would seem that Mr. M. claims first, to be compensated for the injury which he conceives himself to have sustained by your refusing to receive all the beef that the Government was bound by Contract to receive of him. Under this head he states that he delivered to Lt. Seawell 228,125 pounds of beef and to yourself 117.227, leaving a balance of 110,898 pounds which the Government was bound to receive. It appears however from the accounts of issues rendered to this Office by Lt. Seawell and yourself that Mr. M was paid for 360,063 pounds

[illegible]

to wit for 228,553 issued under Lr. S. and 131,510 issued under your Requisitions, leaving a balance of £96,197 pounds of the £456,250, the amount which the Government ~~alleges him to~~ engages to Remit of him.

He secondly claims to have issued 12,541 Rations to Indians under peculiar circumstances, (as will be seen by his ~~remark to the~~ Statement.) He says that for sundry Reasons, mentioned in his statement, you refused to pay him for these Rations. This Office has not ~~at present sufficient data to~~ pronouncing upon the soundness of those Reasons, except those that apply to the case of James B. Dawson. A report from Major Berry satisfies me that Dawson & Family were entitled to Receive Rations. You will therefore ascertain the quantity actually issued to that family and pay for it. And in regard to the Rations stated to have been issued to the other Indians mentioned in the statement it is my wish that you should, in the spirit of liberality towards the Contractor, endeavor to ascertain whether the Indians did Receive their Rations and if so, that you pay for them to those Indians who may not have been at the time on the Rolls.

In your letter of the 18th May, the last Received from you on the subject of Gen. Ellis's contract, you

say: "As I could make no arrangements for an immediate disposition of them I was forced to accede to a mere verbal ~~contract~~ understanding to prolong the time for delivering these cattle agreeably to the contract, whenever required". And it appears from your accounts that you did accordingly receive 12,987½ pounds on the 22d Sept.r — Now ask — for your views relative to the justice of Mr Mackay claim for compensation for any supposed loss resulting from you not receiving from him the balance of beef viz 96,197 lbs ~~of beef~~ due on his contract, had he presented the cattle? & did he tender them for delivery? & under what circumstances did you decline to receive them? & why has Mr Mackays claim been thus long deferred — Please reply at as early date as you can full & ample information relative to the whole transaction of the Contract with Mr Mackay. —

N.B. I send a copy of statement forwarded by you in Nov.r 1834. Upon it you will perceive sundry Remarks (those made with Red ink) by Lt. Harris it may possibly be of some service in conducting your investigations of the Matters mentioned in Mr. Mackay's Statement

12 61

29. Augt 1836

Lt. C. Van Rensselaer
Dirigeant
&c &c &c

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P. S. I send a copy of statement forwarded by you in Nov.r 1834. Upon it you will perceive sundry Remarks (those made with Red ink) by Lt. Harris it may possibly be of some service in ~~conducting~~ your investigations of the Rations mentioned in Mr. Mackay's Statement

12 61

29. Augt 1836

Lt. C. Van Horne

Dist. Qr. Mr.

Fort Gibson A.T.

1260

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock

Apl. 29 1836

April 29th 1836

Capt. J. Brown
Rein. Dr. Ag. 2nd Regt
Little Rock

Sir,

Inclosed you will

[redacted]

other papers. [redacted]
documents and forward them to Mr. VanHorne
with any views of the subject therein mentioned
which you may think calculated to aid them in
acting on the matter. I should be gratified to
have your opinion as to the claim of Mr. Mackay
for compensation for the loss he thinks he has
sustained in consequence of the Government refusing
to receive all the beef contracted for.

G. G

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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) LT.J.W.HARRIS,DISB.AGENT- to GEN.GEO.GIBSON (ASKS IF HIS SERVICES WILL BE REQUIRED DURING WINTER,WISHES TO SERVE AT N.ORLEANS.REL TO LETTERS WRITTEN BUT NOT ACKNOWL-edged)

Emig. Miscell.

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Lt. J. W. Harris
Blue S. Spring, Va.
Aug. 29th 1836.

Wishes to know whether his services are desired by Ind. Em. this winter and whether he could be permitted to serve at N. Orleans.

Endeavors of coming to Washington City

Rec.d 7th Sept.
Ans.d this day

Blue Sulphur Spr.gs Va.
29th August 1836

To
Commis.ry Gen.l Subsistence
U. S. Army
Washington City
Sir

I have the honour to report to you my arrival & present residence at these Springs: the Crowd at the White Sulphur having prevented my proceeding there as I had expected. It is a fortnight since I reached here & I should have reported earlier had I not been deferred first by the daily expectation of letters from your Office which might have occasioned an immediate change of route; & lately by a bad cough — a slight bilious attack — which for a week or so past has deprived me of the use of my pen.

Although I have written repeatedly to the Post Master at the White Sulphurs, my Expectations of letters have thus far been disappointed.

The latest intelligence from your Office is under Communications dated 8th June, enclosing Orders No 93 — rec.d at Little Rock on the 2.d of July.

The letters of mine of which I have not yet received the acknowledgement are those from Nat.l Cfor & Rock dated 8th June

3d Inst. covering Journal of occurrences, & two of the 4th Inst. the first accompanied by Vouchers to be filled to in favour of the Estate of the late Erastus Rogers & on a/c of Cash drawn thereto, together with a letter to the Comg Officer at Fort Wayne; & the second by Provision Return, Abstracts of Subsistence, Transportation & Contingencies, & Statement of Agents for the 2d Quarter of the present year; — also one from Little Rock dated the 27th ultimo Covering an Report & Estimate in relation to Claims of friendly Seminole Indians on a/c of Depredations in Florida & the Hon: Secretary of War dated 25th Inst, & mailed at Memphis on the 1st August. —

Upon the following subjects proposed or partially so, in those letters it would be exceedingly gratifying to me to receive the earliest decision: viz,

Whether the proceeds of Sale of Waggons &c reported in my Quarterly Returns of Property are to be carried to my Account Current, transferred to the Quartermasters General Dept: as suggested in that of the 4th of July, or otherwise disposed of, & how?

Whether it is the wish of the Dept. I Continue me upon my present duties during the Ensuing winter, to be located at New Orleans — as my health will permit. I

for the Dept

prohibit me going to Florida, or being otherwise actively engaged, for a period short of Nine or Ten Months — and if so how long is it expected that I shall remain at Pensacola? —

Whether in proceeding to Washington officially after my duty there, these Orders will be sanctioned by the Department; if not whether I may be permitted to make a short visit to Portsmouth N H whither I am summoned on Private business? —

Please to forward to me address at this Post Office 'via White Sulphur Springs' — immediately upon the receipt of this; such letter as may have been left at your Office from Florida or Elsewhere directed to me. Also should permission be given to me to visit the North, it will be well to mail my letters to me at this place after the 6th September. —

I have the honour to be, Sir
with the most great respect
Your Mo Obt Servt
Joseph M Harris
Lieut: Dated: August 8
Act: Supt: Flo: Removal

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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) GRIFFIN & PARRY - - (BILL & RECPT FOR PRINTING.)
to GEN GEO. GIBSON

2 p.

G.W.G.

Griffin & Trotter
Aug. 2 1836

Enclosed a bill of Lumber
for Secretary

AUG
Commissary General's Office
Washington City
D. C.

Aug. 2 1836

Enclosed are receipted Duplicate of Bill against Commissary General's Office for Advertising in Pennsylvania, attention to which will oblige

Yours truly

Quartermaster

Philada. Aug 2, 1836.

Enclosed are receipted Duplicate of Bill against Commissary General's Office for Advertising in Pennsylvanian, attention to which will oblige

Captain Carey

Philada. Aug 2, 1836.

1836 MISC. (EMIGR) HON.TH.L.HAMER (REQUESTING THE DEPT INCREASE ORDER TO DERINGER FOR RIFLES)

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15.

Emig. Mitchell 163 Ref.

Hon: H. L. Hamer

Clerk 26 April 1836

Requesting that the Dept will take 7 or 800 of the Deringer Rifles instead of 500.

26 April

Indian Emigration affair

April 1892

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2 copies

Minneapolis 163 Apr
Min. Pk. & Manitoba
Land - 26 Apl 1892

Requesting data as to the
title to the town of Leech
Lake Reservation
Indians

Ind. 26 Apl 36.

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Sunday morning. 26th April '36

Dr Sir; You will pardon me for remind-
-ing you — that altho' 500 rifles was
the number mentioned in your let
-ter to Mr. Derringer, (which is still in
my possession,) yet he has about
800 on hand ready for delivery.
The reception of 500 would greatly
relieve him, as I suggested the other
day; but if the Department could
take 700 or 800 it would confer a
very great obligation upon a good
citizen & unflinching patriot, whilst
it would obtain guns of the best
quality at a very low price.

(In haste)

Very Respectfully
yr obt. servt.
H. L. Kramer

Hon.
L. Cass

1836 MISC. (EMIGR) JOHN HARRIS ESQ. (WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AXES FOR THE DEPT)

153 [redacted] Miscell.

John Carrel Esq.

Kidminster

3 Feby 1836

Requesting to be informed if Government will require apes to be made, if so would like to be employed in.

8 Feby

Postmaster Paid
Feby 6 3

Hon. George Gibson
War Department
Washington City

Rec.d 8 July
Sedminster
Feburg 3 th 1836

Ans.d July 8.

Mr Jno Geo Bisom

Sir I am Makin apes now
at this plas and if ther are
anny wanted for the Governat
I wold Like to Make them this
Spring Sir if the Mat be wanted
You will pleas to Let Me Know
and you will oblige Your frend

John Harris

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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) HON.C.F.HAYNES (SUBMITS DOCUMENT FOR INSPECTION OF SEC'Y OF WAR)

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Emig Miscell

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Asst. C. E. Haynes

14th May 1836

May 16 1836

Indian Emigration

Ogle

Endosing a document

Washington City.

Rec'd 20th May

Ans. 17 May 1836

Hon. Lewis Cass,

Secretary of War,

Washington City.

Enclosing a Memorial

of Citizens

of Miami County Ohio

praying the

Establishment

of a Land Office

at Piqua

Ohio

14th May 1836

Rec'd 16 May

Ans. 17 May 1836

C. C. Haynes has the honor to submit the enclosed to the consideration of the Secretary of War, with the request that it may be returned with the opinion of the Secretary. If the Secretary should think proper to do so, it may be submitted to the President of the United States.

H. of Repts.
May 14, 1836.

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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) HON R.M.JOHNSON (AUTOGRAPH LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)

2 pp

C.P.S.

Emig. Miscell. 29

Col R. M. Johnson

Acknowledging the attention to his request relative to Mr Ward & observes that any enclosures can be forwarded through him

Mon. J. de Neufville

Ans. Acknowd.

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10 March

Emig. Miscell. 29

Col R. M. Johnson

Acknowledging the attention to his request relative to Mr Ward & informs that any enclosures can be forwarded through him

10 March

10 March

I thank you for your
kind attention to my
request as to my
nephew Wm. H. Ward
who is now at New
Orleans - but as he may
not remain there I
shall always know where
he is if you enclose to me
I will always forward
& Sincerely your friend

Maj. Gen. H. Hooker

A. Johnson

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1836 MISC. (EMIGR) ADJT.GEN.ROGER JONES,ORDER: (CAPT J.A.PHILIPS TO REPORT TO COM.GENERAL FOR INDIAN DUTY: DR.RANDALL TO WASH.TO RELIEVE ASST.SURGEON KING.ETC)

Adjt Genl R. Jones

Ad. Genl's Off. July 12, 1836

"Spec. Order No 61" (Extract)

Asst Surgeon Randall ordered to Washington, from Fort Mitchell to relieve Asst Surgn King that he may report for duty to the Officer there superintending Ind. Removal

12 July

Adj. Gens Office
Washn. July 12, 1836.

Special Order
No. 61 (Extract)

II... Assist. Surg. Randall, now at Fort Mitchell, will repair without delay to Washington City & then return As. Surg. King, who, on being relieved, will report for duty to the Officer in charge of the Emigrating Indians. As. Surg: King on being relieved from duty with the Indians, will rejoin his present station

By order:

R. Jones
Adjt. Genl.

Com. Indian Bureau

R. Jones

Adjt. Genl's Office
14th Oct. 1836

Ordering Dr. Mims asst.
Surgn. pr. 1 a. to report to
the Comg. Genl. Sub & Commr.
Ind. Affs. for Indian duty

Adj. Gen's Office
Wash Oct. 14, 1826

Special Order
No. 80

Extract.

II ... Assist. Surgeon Mims is assigned to temporary duty with the Emigrating Indians, and will report in person for instructions to the Commissary General of Subsistence & the Commissioners of Indian Affairs.

By order of Major General Macomb

R. Jones
Adj. Gen.

Com. Ind. Aff.

Genl. R. Jones

Adjt. Genl's Office

Oct. 11th 1836.

Ordering Capt. J. A. Phillips

to report to the Commy. Genl

of Subs for Indian duty

inclosure

11th Oct

Adj. Gen's Office
Washn. Oct. 11. 1836

Special Order
No. 79

Extract

II ... Captain J. A. Phillips,
7 Infantry is assigned to duty with
the Emigrating Cherokee Indians,
and will report in person for instruc-
tions to the Commissary General
of Subsistence.

By order of Major General Macomb

R. Jones
Adj. Genl

C. G. Subsistence

Adj. Gen's Office
Washn. Oct. 11, 1836.

Special Order
No. 79

Extract

III ... Captain I. A. Phillips 7th Infantry, is assigned to duty with the Emigrating Chactaw Indians, and will report in person for instructions to the Commissary General of Subsistence.

By order of Major General Macomb

R. Jones
Adj. Gen.

Capt. I. A. Phillips
7th US Infantry
Washington
D.C.

Emig-Creek 117

Doct. B. Randall

Ft. Mitchell

14 April 1836

Acknowledges letter of

1st April 1836.

Evidently belongs to

Emig. Miscellaneous

25 April

Rec. 25 April

Fort Mitchell April 14 1836

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order of April 1st 1836

I have the honor to be
Sir your obt Servt

B Randall
Asst Surgeon

Brig. Genl George Gibson
Com Genl Subsistance
Washington City

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

1836	MISC. (EMIGR)	SEC'Y OF TREASURY LEVI WOODBURY	(DEPT WILL DIRECT DRAFTS ON A/C OF REMOVAL OF INDIANS PAID WHEREEVER DESIRED. RECOMMENDS D.A.A.BUCK AS CHIEF CLERK IN THIS OFFICE)

Jany 3.d 1836.

Treasury Department
January 2. 1836

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 29.th ultimo I have to state that the Department will direct the warrants, which may be drawn on account of the Emmigration of Indians, to be paid wherever desired but the Banks, to which they are directed for payment, are bound to pay them only in specie or other current money.

I remain very Respfy.
Your Obed.t Serv.t
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas.

Genl. G. Gibson -

Emig. Misc.

Ref.d

29

1st May. 1836.

Indian Emigration Office.

Hon. L. Woodbury

13th. May 1836

Recommending for D. A. A. Buck as Chief Clerk in this office

J. ?. C. May 13th

Ref. d 13th. May

Mr. Woodbury would take the liberty to suggest to Gov. Cass, that the Hon. A. D. Beck from the State of Vermont, of whom I never a Clerk in his office has always entertained an expectation that, the first favourable opportunity, he would be promoted to some situation more lucrative and to which his talents & respectability are highly competent —

Mr. Beck thinks such an opportunity has now occurred in your

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Department and trusts, in common with his numerous
friends, here, that Gen. Cass will excuse the
anxiety they all feel to have Mr. Beach
advanced to the situation desired.

If further testimonials would have any
influence on your decision he will by
tomorrow be able to lay before you
many from the highest sources.

Hon. D. Webster.
13th. May 1836

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1838 MISC. (EMIGR) HON.G.W.JONES (ASKS WHAT AMT WOULD REMOVE THE SACS & FOXES WEST OF THE MISSOURI & WHAT AMT TO TREAT WITH INDIANS N.OF GREEN BAY, THE WINNEBAGOS, SAC & FOXES, ETC)

Enrig Miscell 37
New G. W. Jones

16 April 1836

Asking what amt should be
appr'd to treat with the Ind's
north of Green Bay, the Winne-
bagoes, Sacs, Foxes &c.

17 April Mayor Hoard
Ind. Affrs

Sac & Fox Agency
Mississippi

Genl Atwell's Report
Genl M. Jones

16 April 1836

Calling upon Genl Jones to
give the best with the Rolls
made from Docs, &c Commis-
sioned from Iowa, Wisconsin
Territories, &c

Major Hook
Ind. Dept

Sac & Foxes 2500 —
Winnebagoes 2500

April 16. 1836

Maj. Hook

Sir

What sum will it be necessary to have appropriated to treat with the Indians near Green Bay, with the Winnebagoes North of the Wisconsin, with the Sacs & Foxes on the Reserve in Wis Mouins Co. (Keokuck's band) and with the Sacks & Foxes west of the Purchase of 1832—

Please furnish me with the estimate, by to-morrow or early Monday Morning by 9 am

Your Obt. Sert

Geo W Jones

64— Del. M. T.

Enrg Mesl 1836 Referred

Hon G. W. Jones

Ho. Reps. 12 April 36

Stating that the Committee have agreed to make appropriations for holding treaties with certain Indians and ask what sum would be necessary for the Service & Support and Settlement of the Dispute

16th April

Emig. Memorial 1836 Referred

Hon G. W. Jones

Ho. Reps. 12 April 36

Stating that the Comtee have agreed to make appropriations for holding treaties with certain Indians & ask what amt. would be necessary for the Sacs & Foxes & Sioux of the Mississippi

16th April

House Reps April 12th 1836

Respected Sir

The Comtte have agreed to make appropriations for holding the treaties with the Indians near Green Bay, the Winnebagoes, the Sacs & Foxes for the reserves & those West of the Counties ~~East~~ of Lake Pepin & the Missouri

What Sum will be necessary to remove the Sacs & Foxes west of the Missouri?

Most respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo W Jones

Hon: Lewis Cass

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WINNEBAGO (EMIGR) FILE

WASHINGTON, 2/26,1836 GRATIOT,HENRY (Representing the destitute condition of the Rock river Winnebagos and suggesting a plan for their removal to the Neutral Ground west of the Miss,together with an estimate of the cost) inclosure

Ref.d 2d March

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Washington City
25th February 1836.

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

Sir,

In compliance with your request, I proceed to give some "notes" relative to the situation of the band of Winnebago Indians, residing on the Rock-River, in Illinois, & Michigan Territory, and to present also, an estimate of the probable expence of removing them to their own lands, west of the Mississippi.—

By the first Article of the treaty made at Rock-Island, on the 15th of September 1832, the Winnebagoes ceded to the United States, all their lands "lying to the South and east of the Wisconsin river, and the Fox river of Green Bay,"— a vast territory, and not inferior in richness of soil, to the most

fertile portion of the fertile West.-

By the 2d Article of the same treaty, the United States, in part consideration of the advantages gained by them, guaranteed to the Indians, a tract of country West of the Mississippi, known as "the Neutral Ground."

The same article also provides, that the Indians shall leave the ceded territory, by the 1st of June 1833.- Article 3d stipulates, that the Indians shall receive ten thousand dollars per annum, for twenty seven successive years, and the first payment was to be made, in September 1833, provided the Indians should leave the ceded country previous to that time.-

After the ratification of this treaty, and previous to the time stipulated, for the abandonment of the ceded territory, I conducted the Rock-River Winnebagoes, to their country north of the Wisconsin.- They remained there only a few months, when they returned, to the Rock-River, being Compelled to leave the country north of the Wisconsin, because they could not subsist themselves.-

They were required by the United States, to recross the Wisconsin, and being anxious to abide by the treaty they had made, and avoid a collision with the whites, they were willing to make another attempt, and promptly obeyed the requirements of the United States. But it was of no avail - such was the scarcity of game, north of the Wisconsin - that they suffered for food, and seeing that famine stared them in the face, they resolved to return, being more willing to meet death at the hands of the whites, than to die of starvation. - They were repeatedly advised by me, to stay north of the Wisconsin, but always replied, that it was impossible for them to live there, at the same time expressing a willingness, indeed, an anxious desire, to leave the ceded country, if they could find another, where they could support themselves. -

The country assigned to them, west of the Mississippi, and called "the Neutral Ground", is claimed as such by the Sacs & Foxes, & the Sioux,

they are impressed with the belief, that the treaty held at Prairie du Chien, in 1830, provided for the neutrality of that country, for ten years.- The Winnebagoes of Rock-River, took part with the whites, in the war of 1832, and in consequence thereof, ill feeling has since existed between them, & the Sac & Fox Indians, which furnishes another reason why the Winnebagoes could not occupy the "neutral Ground," it being in the vicinity of the Sacs & Foxes.- To remove the objection arising from this cause, the Winnebagoes started a deputation to talk with the Sioux, and through them, to propitiate the Sacs & Foxes.- This deputation was projected in the summer of 1833, and on its way to the Sioux, was attacked by the Cholera, and many of its number falling victims to that disease, the survivors were frightened, and returned to their tribe, without accomplishing the object of their mission.-

The country in which the Rock-River Winnebagoes now reside, is fast filling up with white inhabitants, and the Indians are falling

a prey to the vices incident to association with the frontier settlers of our country. Their situation is in the highest degree deplorable. The cupidity of the whites, has prompted them to degrade the Indians, by selling them whiskey in order to make good bargains out of them, until they are stripped of every thing, and men who were once proud warriors, & supported themselves, & their families, by hunting, are now despoiled of their guns, & their blankets, & what is worse, of their character, and are reduced to absolute beggary! I have this day heard, from unquestionable authority, that several of this tribe were found dead, within the last month, and their appearance too plainly indicated, that hunger, united with inclement weather, was the cause of their death.

The annuity provided for by the 3d Article of the treaty of the 15th of September 1832, has, for the last two years, been withheld from the Rock River band, which consists of about

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2500 souls, and has been paid to the band of Mississippi
=sebagoes north of the Wisconsin, who are natives
of that country, and are much less numerous
than the former band, and who, though they par
=ticipated in making the treaty, ceded no lands,
so that the Rock-River band, literally have no
means of support, but the precarious and
scanty resource of fishing. They are extreme
=ly anxious to go West of the Mississippi, but
before they can do so, the tribes above and below
"the Neutral Ground," must be propitiated, &
to reconcile them, some presents will be required,
the expense of which, together the cost of a journey to
their country, for the purpose of talking with
them, will probably be about $[illegible] thousand dollars which sum
I have included, in my estimate of the expense of
removing the Rock-River Minnebagoes. To save
this unfortunate band, from utter destruction,
by the most loathsome diseases, it is absolutely
necessary that they should be removed from
their present location. They have tried in vain
to live north of the Wisconsin - they cannot

occupy their lands West of the Mississippi, until the tribes in the vicinity of them, are prophisited, & it is therefore, of the highest importance, that measures should be taken, to reconcile those tribes to the proposed emigration of the Winnebagoes.-

Another reason why the Winnebagoes should be removed from the Rock River country, will readily present itself to your mind.- Reduced as they are, from their once proud station of independent warriors, to abject poverty, and seeing death in its most horrid shape, rapidly approaching them, it is much to be feared, that they will take up the hatchet, & lay down their lives on the soil they inherited from their fathers. if measures are not taken to remove them from their present position, to a country where they can make a living by hunting.- Indeed, this result is almost inevitable.- These Indians are spread over a large tract of country and are, unavoidably, a fruitful source of annoyance to the whites, and very slight

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causes would arouse their slumbering pas=sions, only to be quieted by the utter extermina=tion of the tribe.-

That portion of the Winnebagoes who now live north of the Wisconsin, are able to support themselves there, because they are natives of that country, and have been accustomed to its soil & climate, and to the requisite modes of procuring subsistence, from their infancy, & of consequence, have their fields inclosed, and all necessary arrangements made, to raise their corn, beans &c.-

It is known to you, that the principal chiefs of the Rock-River Winnebagoes, have made a request to be permitted to come to this city, to represent their miserable situation to the Government. Permission being denied them, I have undertaken to act for them, at the un=gent request of their tribe, & in accordance with my own feelings of compassion, & love of justice.-

The most feasible method of removing

this band, would be, to assemble them at some convenient point on the Wisconsin river, and transport the women and children down that stream, and up the Mississippi and Red-Cedar, by means of a Keel boat, to navigate which, would require eleven men.

In ~~ing the women and children from the~~ interior, to the Wisconsin, together with their little effects, will require some two horse wagons, & I have estimated for four.

While on this subject, I would suggest the propriety, of applying the sum provided for in the 4th Article of the treaty made at Rock Island, for the support of a school at Prairie du Chien, to preparing the soil of the new country, to which the Indians desire to remove, for the reception of seed.

This is the wish of the Winnebagoes, as expressed to me, & they have not, as yet, sent a single scholar to the school, and

it is probable, nay, almost certain, that they will not do so, for years to come.-

The agricultural, ought to be sent to the country provided for the Indians, on the Red Cedar creek, as soon as possible, after arrangements have been made for their re=moval, in order that the ground ... may be seasonably prepared for cultivation. The In=dians, seeing one or two families comfortably located, and seeing also, a prospect opened for their subsistence, will be induced to join their companions cheerfully, and will readily embrace the opportunity to better their condi=tion.-

~~The Indians with the blacksmith which~~ is stipulated for by the treaty, to reside among them, and all experience teaches us, that the less they visit the settlements of the whites, the better.- The blacksmith being among them, would save them many a visit to Prairie du Chien, and of consequence, would

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preserve them from much temptation.-

The "Neutral Ground," is out of the sphere of the white mans influence, and if the Indians once get there, and proper steps are taken, to prevent intercourse with the whites, the most happy results may be anticipated.-

[redacted]ompanying this, is an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed removal.-

I have the honor to be,
With high respect,
Your most ob't Sert.
Henry Gratiot

[redacted]

Rec'd 1 Mar. 1836 Rep.

Report. Emig. Hennepin

H. Gratiot

20 Feb. 1836

Indian Emigration Office

Representing the destitute condition of the Rock River Winnabagoes — and suggesting a plan for their removal to the "Neutral Ground" West of the Miss: together with an estimate of the cost.

Referred 2d. March

Estimate of the probable expense of remov-
-ing 2500 Winnebago Indians from the Rock.
River country, in Illinois & Michigan, to the
"Central Ground" on Red Cedar creek, and
in its vicinity, West of the Mississippi River.-

Subsistence for five months,
at eight cents per ration = $30,000

Cost of one keel boat, to transport
women & children ------ 500

Seven hands to navigate boat,
75 days, at ten dollars per day,
including subsistence ------ 750

Four two horse wagons, to transport
the children from the interior,
to the point of embarkation on the
Wisconsin, for forty days, at three
dollars per day, for each — 480

Expense of expresses, to notify
the Indians when & where to meet 200

$32,530

over

Amount brought over --	$32.520
Assistant to the superintendant of the emigration, five months, at four dollars per day ----	.620
Salary of Superintendant of the removal per Acts. ------	2.000
Expenses of interpreters -- --	.450
Cost of peace presents, to pro-pitiate the tribes in the vicinity of the "Neutral Ground," + expense of a mission to them ------	4000
Probable expense of the ensuing year =	$39.600

Estimate of
the probable cost of
removing Rock-
River Winnebago
Indians, to the "Half
-Breed Ground" West
of the Mississippi

1835 MISC. (EMIGRATION) SEC'Y WAR - GEO. GIBSON? COM. GEN. SUBSISTENCE COPIES OF LETTERS WRITTEN (#352--368 INCLUSIVE)

C.B.&S.

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Gen. Wiley Thompson.

Jan. 7. 1835.

Confl. Ltr. to B.

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January 7th 1835.

Genl Wiley Thompson
Supt. Rem. Florida Inds.
Seminole Agency.

Sir, Enclosed you will find your appointment, by the Secretary of War, Special Agent and Superintendt of the Removal of the Florida Indians, with a copy of the "Regulations" &c relating to the removal & subsistence of Indians.

As you are to perform the functions of Indian Agent; in addition to those of Superintendt of Indian Removal, you will of course hand some Correspondence relating exclusively to those functions, such will, ~~when they~~ be addressed as heretofore; but every thing having connection with the duties ~~of the~~ of your new appointment, will be addressed in accordance with the direction at page 1. of the "Regulations"

G. G.

Enclose
Chapt of the Regulations
and copy of the Memorandum

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Lieut. Wiley Thompson

Jan. 12. 1835.

Copd by H. B.

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Jany 12. 1835.

Gen Wiley Thompson
Supt Ind Affairs Florida Reds
Seminole Agency

Sir,

Your letter dated 28th October was referred to me some time since; and I have deferred replying until some additional information should be received with respect to the removal of the Florida Indians.

The recommendation of Mr D. M. Sheffield, late Sub Agt, as Assistant & to the special Agent; and of Mr. Stephen Richards as Principal Interpreter will receive due consideration. The necessity of the immediate appointment of the latter is not so apparent now as when you wrote. Should you however, find his presence absolutely indispensable before you can get authority to appoint him, you will temporarily engage him, giving me notice of the same.

G.G.

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Jany 1st 1835

Dept. of War

To Genl. Wiley Thompson

Seminole Agency

Florida

B52

January 1st 1838

Deft. [illegible]

To Genl. Hugh Brown

Seminole Agent

Florida

Copied J. O.

Department of War
January 1. 1835.

To.
General Wiley Thompson
Seminole Agency
Florida.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed Special Agent to superintend the Removal of the Indians North West of the Mississippi ~~Florida Indians~~. Your duties will be confined to the East side of the Mississippi should the Indians go by land; and if by water, to some point of landing on that river to be hereafter designated. The nature of your duties will be found in the "Regulations concerning the Removal of Indians" and in a "Memorandum" in relation thereto, both of which will be furnished you by the Commissary General of Subsistence, who will also give you more specific instructions, and to whom you will report for duty.

It is understood, however, that in addition to the duties assigned to you as above mentioned, for which your compensation will be two thousand dollars per annum, you will perform without additional charge all the ordinary functions of an Indian agent.

L. Cass

Jany. 3. 1835—

Col R. M. Johnson
House Reps

Dr Sir

I have received yours of the 28th. Ultimo with the power of attorney of Col C Yancey to George Thomas, Esq. enclosed. You wish me to make an arrangement by which Mr Thomas will be paid Col Yancey's ~~salary~~ compensation in liquidation of the amount of a note discounted at the Bk of the Metropolis for $1000.00, for which Colonel Lyon and yourself are bound

This is my arrangement: I will immediately write to Colonel Yancey, that in pursuance of the power before referred to, his pay will be transferred to Mr. Thomas; and requesting him to forward to me monthly his pay accounts up to the 31st. December, and monthly thereafter as long as he may be employed, or until the debt is satisfied. The Superintendent must certify to the performance of the duties of the appointment. As soon as the accounts are rec'd. the amount will be paid as above stated. It will be necessary to retain the power of attorney in the office to be filed with the accounts in the Auditor's Office, but I will furnish you with an authenticated copy of it.

Yrs.

[Enclose copy Power of Attorney]

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January 3d 1835

George Thomas Esq
Cash. Bk Metropolis.

Sir.

Colonel Joel Yancey has been employed as an Enrolling agent in the Cherokee Removal of Cherokees from Georgia, since October last, at four dollars per day. I have been requested by Col. R. M. Johnson & the Hon. C. Lyon to transfer his pay to you for the purpose of liquidating the note of a certain note discounted, or to be discounted, at the Bank of the Metropolis, they depositing in this office a power of attorney to that effect from Col. Yancey to you.

I shall request that gentleman to forward to me his pay accounts to the 31st. December, and monthly thereafter, as long as he may be employed, or until the requisite amount may be paid. As soon as the accounts are received the sum due shall be paid to you.

Please to reply to this without delay

G. G.

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War Dept
February 15th 1834

Sir

I return the papers presented by you. You will find herein a report from the Com Gen Sub adverse to your claim. It is impossible to allow it without a clear specification of your services.

Very

Lew Cass

Col. J. Taylor
Washington City

Hon: Lew. Cass
Sec'y War.

Paris 9. 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to request that eight thousand five Hundred dollars, out of the appropriation "for Removal & Subsistence of Cherokees," for "Carrying into effect treaty with Indians & other purposes" approved 30 June 1834, may be deposited in the Union Bk of Louisiana at New Orleans, to credit of Genl Wool Agent, Dutch & Cherokees, for which I will render a satisfactory account.

$8,500

I am &c.

Lt. J. VanHorne
Dist'g Agt Creek & Cherokees,
Ft. Gibson

Jany. 9. 1835.

Sir,

I have received yours of the 10th November, with Estimate of funds for Subsisting Cherokees for the fourth Quarter of 1834. This is not strictly an estimate for that quarter, but will cover the expenditures for the balance of the subsistence for the late emigrants up to the end of the year to which they are entitled to receive it. The amount is $8,157.. I deem it proper to place to your credit in New Orleans $8500. But you must not conclude that I approve any item embraced in the estimate. That "For subsistence of about 120 Cherokee emigrants not on any roll &c" amounting to $1478.00, you will at least consider suspended. I will immediately undertake the investigation of the case of these emigrants, together with the several other points of interest contained in your letter, and will communicate the result to you.

G. G.

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B. F. Curry

Jan.y 7. 1835

Copied by H. B.

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Jany 7. 1835.

B. F. Currey Esq
Supt. Cherokee Rem.
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

I informed you on the 14th October ultimo that the Secretary of War had referred to me the Rolls, letters, &c in relation to & connected with the valuations of the Cherokee improvements; and that in a very short time I should be able to arrange the whole business for settlement &c. Finding however, that I could not attend to it, on account of a pressure of matters more immediately connected with the Indian Emigration, the papers were transferred to the Office of Indian Affairs, and I doubt not that they were as speedily attended to as the nature and magnitude of the business would allow. I am induced to make this explanation in consequence of the representation of Lieut. Harris, that the money due for the improvements is much needed.

G. G.

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Hon. R. M. Johnson
Jan. 6. 1835.

Capt. Gist U.S.

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Jany 6. 1835

Hon. R M Johnson
House Repr.

Sir,

Since I addressed you on the 3d. Inst. on the subject of an arrangement for the purpose of paying over to Geo Thomas Esqr. Cashier Bank of Metropolis the expenses of Col. J. Yancey, I have received a letter from Maj. Benj. F. Currey Superintendt of the Cherokee Removal, of which the following is an extract, "The Emergency requiring the call of Maj. Montgomery and Col. Yancey into this service having ceased, they have been notified thereof, and will not be recalled until the public interest shall demand it"

I have felt it to be my duty, also, to apprise Mr. Thomas of this fact, and to say to him that I do not know at what time Col. Yancey will again be employed, it depending upon the prospect of the Cherokee negotiation, and the deemed expediency of calling him into service, as the party the superintendt — Major Currey has acted in this matter in conformity with the Regulations for the removal of the Indians

I shall retain the power of atty until I know what further disposition you wish made of it.

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George Thomas Esq
Cashier B[ank] Metropolis

Jan[y] 6. 1835

Sir,

I deem it proper to inform you that since mine of the 3d. Inst. in relation to the power of attorney from Colonel Jack Yancey to you, I have been informed by the Superintendent of the Cherokee removal that "the emergency requiring the call of Colonel Yancey (& others) into this service having ceased, they have been notified thereof and will not be recalled until the public interest shall demand it." I will add that, I do not know at what time Col. Yancey will again be placed on duty — this depends entirely upon the progress of the Cherokee removal, and the sense of its expediency on the part of the Superintendent

GGL

Sec'y. of War, to. 361.
Hon. Wm Hendricks
Jany 6. 1835

Com. Gen'l. Subsist
Removal and
Subsistence

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Washington
6 Jany 35

Sir

I have rec'd yr letter requesting the employment of Col Gregory on the Removal of the Indians.

It would afford me pleasure to comply with yr request as well out of regard to yr. wishes as to my acquaintance with Col Gregory. But the selection of the Offrs employed upon this duty with the exception of the principal Agts is entrusted to the Superintendent Col Pepper has the direction of this matter & you are at liberty to show him this letter with the suggestion that it would be gratifying if the public interest would permit him to give Col. Gregory some employment.

Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Cass

Hon W. Hendricks
Senate

Secy. of War 360
to.
Hon Enc Lipton
Lancy S. 1835

Com. Genl of Subs
Memorial & Subscr

Dept of War
Jany 5. 1835.

Sir

Your recommendations of Lieut Jamison, as an Agent for removing the Potawatomies has been received, & filed for consideration when the arrangements are made for that object. —

I have &c

Hon
John Tipton
Senate, U.S.

Hon. Levi Cass.

Feb. Jan. 1835

Capt. Talt. B.

Jany 5. 1835

H. M. Lewis Esq
Augusta

Sir, I have the honor to request that five thousand dollars out of the appropriation for removal and subsistence of Cherokees, per act making appropriations for Ind. Department, approved 26 June 1834, may be deposited in the Union Bk of Nashville to credit of Lieut M. W. Bateman, Dist. Agt Cherokees removal, for which sum he will be accountable

$5000

G. G.

Lt. M. W. Bateman
Brt. Jan. 1835.

Capt. 1/4 R.

Dr. M. W. Bateman,
Disb'g. Agt. Cherokees,
Calhoun Tenn:

January 5th: 1835.

Sir,

I received sometime since an Estimate for the 4th Quarter of 1834, from Lt Harris; but as he predicated it upon the supposition that five hundred indians would go west, and being fully under the impression that such would not be the case, I thought it best to await his arrival here that I might ascertain more fully his views. From his statement, I am induced to believe, that five thousands dollars, in addition to the amount loaned you by him, will more than meet any expenditures you may have to make in the removal of indians until the expiration of the first quarter of 1835. Should you want more it will be remitted. The Treasurer of the United States will deposit five thousand dollars to your credit in the Union Bank Nashville.

By this & the next mail you will receive a supply of blank forms.

Gl.

Gen. M. W. Batterson
Fifth Agt. Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn

Jany 3d: 1834.

Sir,

Col. Hoskins Post Master at Cherokee Agency will be settled at this office, until you are further advised.

Yrs. &c.
G. G.

B. F. Currey Esq
Supt. Ind Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn.

January 3d 1835.

Sir,

Col Yancey, Disbursing Agent, has been requested to forward to you his accounts for pay due him in the Cherokee enrolment up to the 31st December, and monthly thereafter, in lieu of presenting them to the Returning Officer for payment. This is in pursuance of an arrangement fully understood by him. You will certify to the performance of the services charged for on the respective accounts.

G. G.

Col Joel Yancey
of Caroline & Spotsylvania Cty.
Chesterfield — Cabham Tun:

Janry 3d 1835.

Sir,

I have received a letter from the Hon: R Ms. Johnson & Chittenden Lyon, requesting me to make some arrangement by which your compensation in the Cherokee enrolment could be paid to George Thomas Esq. Cashr Bank Metropolis, in liquidation of a certain note for one thousand dollars. (and a power of attorney for you to Mr Thomas to receive your pay &c) You will please to forward to me without delay your account up to the 31st December, with receipt and authority to pay according to the power above referred to, with the full, certificate of the performance of the services, signed by the Superintendent. As soon as received the amount will be transferred to the proper credit in the Bk of Metropolis

Yrs.

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1834 MISC.(EMIGRATION) GIBSON,GEO. GEN.OF COMMISSARY (ROUGHS OF ~~10~~ 14 LETTERS TO SEC'Y OF WAR,& VARIOUS AGENTS)

St. Drane's a/c.
Freight &c. of Choctaw Presents
$7.08.

Appr. for Blankets Rifles &c
for Choctaws.
Act 4 June 1832

Statement of payments for transportation of Choctaw Presents made by Lt. A Drane, Asst. Quarter Master at New Orleans in the quarter Ending 31st Decem. 1834.

1834 Oct.	7.	To S.A. Tracy for hauling two Loads of Steel &c. From Store to Steam Boat Ocana at 25 Cts.		50
	"	J. Small, freight of 14 Boxes containing "Merchandize Cards, Steel, Axes" &c. per Steamboat Ocana From New Orleans to Mouth of Arkansas, 1317 lbs. at 50 cts		6.58
		Dolls.		7.08

E. L. Farr
$72.90

To be deducted from
Capt. Brown's Art.: Acct.
Gen Agc. Choctaws 3d Qr. 1833

Copy.

The United States Dr. To C. S. Ferry

For services as teamster transporting Treaty Articles for Choctaws
from 1st. Feb. to 20 May 1833: 3 mo. & 20 days at $20 p. Mo. $72.90

cert.d by Capt. Brown &c. &c.
being part of Voucher No. 1. Contingencies 3d. q. 1833

Recd the within named packages in good Order

Asst. Dr Masters Office
New Orleans Septr 11th 1834

(Signed) A. Drane
A. D.r

Shipped in good order, and well conditioned, by Lieut: J. P. Simonton in and upon the good Ship called the Packet whereof is Master Oliver Marston now lying in the port of Philad.a and bound for New Orleans

Cooks
St. J. Post Horse
Fort Gibson

One Hundred Boxes Rifles
Seven Boxes Cards
Three do. Steel
Two do. Axes

100 Boxes Rifles Cyl. 83 10 ft $69,17
5 p.C. primage 3,46
Amt. frt & primage 72-63

Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order, and well conditioned, at the aforesaid port of New Orleans (the dangers of the sea only excepted) unto Lieut: A. Drane or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for the said goods, as per Margin with 5 p.c primage and average accustomed

Cantonment
Major F. W. Armstrong
Fort Smith

7 Boxes 27 ft @ 10c 2,70
5 do - - - - - 1,10
$ 3, 80

In Witness Whereof the Master or Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to five Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and date; one of which being accomplished the others to stand void. Dated Philad.a July 8th 1834

primage 5 p.c . 19-3-99
whole Amt. frt & primage $76,62

(Signed) Oliver Marston

No 67. 6.

S. A. Tracy

$0.50/100

Vouchers 67. 68. 74. 75. 77. & 79. are respectfully referred to the Com. Gen.l of Subs. with a request that the appropriations to which they are chargeable, be stated on each.

P. M. Gen.l's Office
Dec.r 26. 1834.

Approp.t for Blankets Rifles &c &c Choctaws per act 4 June 1832.

The United States

1834	To S. A. Tracy	Dr.
Sept. 10.	For hauling 13 Boxes of Cards &c for Choctaw Indians from Ship Archer to Store, 2 loads at 35 cts per load	$0.50

I certify that S. A. Tracy has performed the services for which he has charged.

(Signed) A. Drane.

Received New Orleans September 13. 1834 of Anthony Drane assistant Quarter Master U.S. Army fifty cents in full of the above account.

(Signed duplicate)

S. S. A. Tracy.

Copy 22.

Abbott & Warner

Choctaw articles

Coffee —	$104.37
Sugar —	106.24
Rice	35.20
Tobacco	2.21
	$247.62

Rec'd payment

July 10. 1834

per letter of W. B. Lewis dated

The United States to Abbot & Warner —— Dr.

1834
July 7. For the following Articles for the use of the Choctaw Indians,

20 1/12 doz. Pair Cotton Cards, being 250 pair at $5. pr. doz.		$104.17
360 lb. Crowley's Steel, at 16½ Ct		59.40
312 " Hoglink do. " 15 "		46.80
13/4 doz. C. S. Axes, " $20		35
3 Boxes, at 75 Ct.		2.25
	Dolls.	247.62

I certify that the above account is correct, and just, and that all the Articles therein named have been delivered to me.

Duplicate.

Signed J. P. Simonton
Lt. and Disb. Agt.

20 1/12 doz. pr. Cards, Cotton 104.17

360 } lb. Steel — 59.40
312 } do. — 46.80

672

13/4 doz. Axes — 35

You say that in letter rec'd from me reference has been made to Rolls, and that you have never received any, but have yourself enrolled the Indians as they arrived. The possession of these rolls by the Department is of consequence, you will therefore have them copied and forward the copies to me. I wish to ascertain the total number of Choctaws west of the Mississippi, and for this purpose have written to Lt. Stephenson to make from the information he can command a statement of the names of the inhabitants of his district. He has furnished any complete rolls heretofore, but I believe he will be better able to condense those rolls and to add correctly the subsequent arrivals than I can. You will proceed as soon as you are able, to make up an accurate account of the Indians in your District, and you will add to it all those who arrive up to the time of closing your duties in the Choctaw Country. This statement will be entirely independent of any other.

In the progress of the construction of the Choctaw treaty. You will perceive that no Indians who arrive after the 24th July will be supported during the year, nor receive Commutation allowance. You will pursue the directions therein given about the enrolling of the Indians who arrive after the date above mentioned

It is presumed that Lieut. Van Horne is stationed near ~~you~~ his instructions having been given to that effect, if so you will communicate to him a copy of these instructions.

GG

GG

~~Lieut Lt Van Horne, stationed in Choctaw~~

Horse

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

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Lt G. J. Rains

January 21. 1834

Copied E. O. (Confidential)

Lt. G. J. Rains
Dist Agt
Ft Smith

Jany 21. 1834

Sir,

Letters have been received from you dated September 12th. October 20th & November 4th. In the last you allude to the great mortality which has prevailed among the Choctaws in your District, which you attribute to change of climate, the overflow of the Arkansas river & the having No other physicians among them than their own "Conjurers and Mountebanks"? You also state that owing to the overflow of the river along a portion of those peoples (on the Arkansas it is presumed) have lost their Crops; and ceasing to draw provisions on the 15th December, many of them will have nothing to subsist on afterwards. This is a disagreeable state of things; and I wish there were any way in which to remedy it. It is gratifying to know that the great body of the emigrants have not been subject to such suffering mortality (and while upon this subject I have to regret that there should have been a small number who have manifested an unwillingness to avail themselves of the bounty of the government, in the provision allowed them for subsistence on their journey, which I believe to be absolutely required by their circumstances. Should the number of persons prove considerable you will immediately ascertaining the fact report to me.) It was believed that in furnishing twelve months' subsistence the government was giving to the Indians a sufficiency to ensure them ample supplies for the future; - and this has been the case with almost all the emigrants; some of whom have raised in the first year after their emigration large quantities of surplus Corn. [illegible] the power to do more I would most cheerfully authorize you to issue subsistence to such as stand in proper circumstances of want of it. [illegible] that I wish that it may be done to influence them to self reliance and not to a dependence on the bounty of the government.

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Lieut J. R. Stephenson

Jan'y 21. 1834

Lt. J. R. Stephenson, (Copy sent)
Disb. g Agent Choctaw

Jany 21. 1834.

Sir,

Yours of the 2d instant is received. The explanations with respect to the issue of provisions are satisfactory.

Enclosed is an extract of a letter of instructions addressed to Capt Brown yesterday. You will see by it that the emigrant choctaws who arrive in the new country on or before the 24th Feby 1834 will receive commutation & the year's subsistence, but that those who get there after that date will be excluded from both. Directions are also given for a Roll of the Indians who arrive after the 24th Feby to be made after the manner of the regular enrollment. I wish great care to be taken to have this roll complete, as it may hereafter be of essential service.

The rolls hitherto forwarded by you are very satisfactory - but these together with others of a similar character will not enable the Department to ascertain exactly the number of Choctaws in the new country. I request, then, that you will make up from the rolls in your possession & from any other source such a statement of the Choctaw population in the district under your charge as may present a correct view of their numbers. This may be done at once, and will embrace all who are entitled to be enlisted. You will however continue to add those who arrive after up to the period of your terminating the issues. This statement I wish to be perfectly distinct from the roll mentioned above.

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Capt. Jacob Brown + copied G.O

Washington 20th Nov. 1834

Principal Disb. Agt Ind Affrs.

Little Rock. A. T.

Sir, The reception of the following letters has not hitherto been acknowledged by me, although the pressing letters requiring particular notice have been duly attended to: 9th & 12th September; 18th October; 2d (four) 11th 15th & 16th of November 1834.

It appears by your letter of the 14th & 17th November that you have continued the transmission of funds to Lieutenants Rains & Stephenson for the payment of commutation to the emigrants who have moved and independently, up to the first of November, and that you have paid & remitted $7,500 more than was designated in mine of the 3d May last. With which estimate the whole amount applicable to the independent migrations of Cherokees will be the year at about $30,000. This is a large sum, but there is no objection to it because it cannot be larger — and more can arise, except the Cherokees should be induced by the craft of speculators. Mr Schermerhorn, is particularly recommended. Those gentlemen are so well acquainted with their duty, and have manifested so much zeal in the discharge of it, as sufficiently to give every confidence in their being able to accomplish every thing that is to the advantage by the government may require of them. I write this letter without turning to my instructions of the 3d May, or calling to the following digest as to yourself, but will be pleased that I did not omit to notice the interesting [illegible] commutation beyond the number who [illegible] in the emigration of 1832. [illegible] approval of your (having) gone beyond those instructions, as result by no unfavorable circumstances can prove out of your hands) [illegible] Respecting, from a letter just received from Major Armstrong that he left Mr Rains lake completed the payment to the Commutation Indians on Arkansas river and [illegible] to all those who had not emigrating. And that the few that are yet to be paid are notified to be at the agency on the 15th January. By which time he says he will be able to finish paying for the Arkansas river.

I do not

[illegible] 9th of April to you

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I do not doubt that the greatest care has been taken by the gentlemen engaged in this duty to perform it well. I trust however that they will make no payment on commutation account which would commit the government to those Indians who may go over after the emigration may be considered (fairly) to have terminated. The period will be the end of three years from the ratification of the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, town, the 24th day of February 1834. All Choctaws, therefore, who arrive within the limits of the new Country on or before that day will be paid commutation, and receive their years subsistence. Those who arrive subsequently will receive neither, unless [illegible] it shall hereafter be decided that the treaty admits of a different construction, or Congress provides for the case by legislation.

As to those Indians who may arrive after the time limited will feel themselves aggrieved at not receiving the allowances which those who have been fortunate enough to arrive in time; and as there may be many misrepresentations with regard to their conduct, &c, &c, anything should therefore be done for them, I submit whether it would not be proper immediately to direct Lieutenants Stephenson, Reynolds and Boardman to make a census roll of all such persons in the same manner as if they were to be regularly issued to and paid commutations. [illegible]

Should it be determined to proclaim to the Indians that they are to expect nothing from the government, and that their misfortune is the consequence of their own previous conduct in not complying with the stipulations of the treaty by meeting the advances, &c, and the pecuniary [illegible] repeatedly held out for a step speedily & confidently [illegible]: thereby putting the [illegible] to past expense without the accomplishment of the object in view; and that the United States are absolved from all obligation touching those parts of the treaty relating to the emigration of their tribe to the west of the Mississippi

You suggest a distinction between such as have descended the Agents east of the Mississippi and those persons who have not; and that the former should be excluded. In carrying into execution the foregoing instructions no distinction can be made. The construction given to the treaty must operate on all alike. And I am disinclined to doubt the practicability of ascertaining who were the persons that caused the preparations to be made for removal under false inducements.

It must also be made known that no ferriage accounts will be paid for Indians who are thus circumstanced: It will of course be very difficult to ascertain with precision whether the Indians for whose ferriage charges may be raised, were thus excluded or not; this decision must be left to you, - you can use a proper discretion in such cases. With regard to other expenses "incident to the removal &c" as to the payment of which you think a period should be fixed & promulgated". I believe that every thing that may be the subject of a claim can be settled upon the principle laid down above. Should any thing present itself about which you have any doubt, refer it to me. I follow from what I have said that the Construction given to the Treaty in your of the 22d ultimo is not correct.

I have informed Lt. Stephenson that it had been contemplated to send Lieut J.P. Lomax to his assistance, after he had accomplished the duty upon which he had been sent to Tuscaloosa, & that he was afforded such information, & has been ordered here to settle his accounts.

You have been made acquainted by Messrs Rector & Sutton that their services were to be discontinued on the termination of the emigration. This took place, I presume, about the 1st of December. They will both be paid by you.

If the public house which you state in your of the 14th Nov. also in Lt Reans' possession is disposed of on the reception of this, you will instruct him to sell it. It must be your object that of the Disbursing Agents to economize in every thing susceptible of economy without detriment to the service, and

intended with a view to the lopping off every thing that could be dispensed with, to investigate thoroughly all the relative money and property accounts. I feel confident that you in finding a speedy conclusion to your part; and as this investigation cannot be made for want of time I hope you will, in anticipation, aid the Department by saving expenses which you feel yourself justifiable in stopping.

and stop the leaks of [illegible] which you feel yourself justifiable in touching

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Jany 20th 1834

Gen. A. P. Bryan
Dist. Judge
Middle District
Alabama

intended with a view to the lopping off every thing that could be dispensed with, to investigate thoroughly all the recent money and property accounts. I feel confident that you in pledging a speedy completion on your part; and as this investigation cannot be made for want of time I hope you will, in anticipation, aid the Department by every reduction which you feel yourself justifiable in making.

and I hope the Auditor of Treasury will be rid of the [illegible] which you feel yourself justifiable in touching

Jany 20th 1834

Ch. F. Penrose
Esq
Auditor Post Office Dept
City

Capt. J. Brown
Ft. Leavenworth
Little Rock
18 January 1834.

Capt G Brown
P. M. G. Choctaw

Jany 18. 1834

Sir, Your letter of Nov 25. Enclosing Statement of pecuniary Concerns &c, and Estimate of Funds for 1st & 2d quarters of 1834, has been received.

In compliance with your wish to have the amount stated to be necessary to close the transactions of 1833, I have had a rather larger sum placed to your credit in the Union Bank in that City; the amount is $32,940, being the precise sum left in the Treasury out of a specific appropriation of last year for the Choctaws.

G G

I informed Mr. ~~Troyer~~ that I should be sorry if any inconvenience grew out of his having made the rifles, but that his application would be filed, and considered ~~in due time~~ at the proper time. I think the same answer should be given to Mr. Deringer. I doubt not however that our long both gentlemen & the manufacturers having been very satisfactory to the Dept. charged with the inspection & distribution, will be gratified in having at least what they may have already made taken off their hands.

Yours &c.

Hon. Wm. Wilkins
Sec. of War

I informed Mr. Troyer that he should be duly informed of any inconvenience growing out of his having made the rifles, but that his application would be filed, and considered in the proper time. I think the same answer should be given to Mr. Deringer. I doubt not however that in both gentlemen the manufactures having been very satisfactory to the officers charged with the inspection & distribution, will be gratified in having at least what they may have already made taken off their hands.

Yours &c.

Sept 17th 1838

Wm. Gibson

Secy. of War

Hon Lewis Cass
Secy War

Ills
May 17. 1834

Sir,

I have the honor to report in relation to the subject of Rifles, which Mr. H. Deringer states in his letter to you of the 15th inst. he has made for the government emigrating Indians, that, there is no agreement on file with that gentleman of date subsequent to the 13th July 1832, under which he furnished the number stipulated for viz five hundred. And that I do not know of any verbal agreement between Mr. Deringer and Major Armstrong by which the former was induced to anticipate the wants of the government in that respect. Yet I doubt not that Mr. D. may have had held out to him by Major Armstrong a prospect of a demand for rifles, after the emigration of Choctaws which has just closed, and that the latter gentleman intended to report to you the number of rifles which would be wanted to fulfill, with respect to the Choctaws west, the treaty stipulations. This he has not yet done, and until he does do, no purchases can with propriety be made. I would add that, I have not long since a letter from Mr. Geo W. Tryon, also a Manufacturer of Rifles in Philad.a, and who furnished 500 Rifles under the contract [illegible] several hundred Rifles on hand (made conformably to those made under "Contract") and intimating his desire to furnish them to the government

Jerusalem on the Expenses
have on the Office.

I would therefore
recommend that arrangements
be made for the Annual Allowance
of Messengers of the Court now in
attendance.

The Secy
of War

I would respectfully recommend that a requisition be made for the removal of the Cherokees from Alabama.

The 107 [illegible]

Copied

January 17th 34

Sir,

Agreably to your directions, I submit an estimate of the [illegible] that will be required to carry into [illegible] the Creek treaty of March 24 1833 [illegible] the trapping of [illegible] 43 articles.
It is impossible to say what number of these Indians will remove this spring. But it is necessary for the government to be ready to transport them as fast, as they are ready to go.

Col. Abert who is charged with a special duty in many of these reports, that they will generally [illegible] their removal as fast as there are [illegible] and will [illegible] remove as soon as they sell. It is therefore [illegible] that a large portion of them will have to be [illegible] this reason.

The estimates are [illegible] to be as low, as the agents [illegible] allowances will allow, save

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J. A. W Everitt Esq

Jany 16 1834

Jany 16. 1834

A. W. Everitte Esq.

~~Hobbsville~~ Ms

Care of F. G. Lyon Esq.

Demopolis Alab.

Sir,

Yours dated 25 Sept. was received by me in November. I have delayed a reply until a decision could be had upon Colonel Gaines' accounts. That gentleman has however furnished such papers which enable me to say that your claim can be admitted. The balance due you is $91 $\frac{22}{100}$ which will be paid you by Colonel Gaines, whose accounts will be credited with that sum upon the reception of your receipt to him for the same. Enclosed is a form of ~~receipt~~ ~~approved~~ which you will please to return to me properly signed

Yrs

A. H. Sommerville Esq

Savy 14. 1834

Jany 14. 1834

A. B. Sommerville Esq
Tuscaloosa Alab.

Sir,

The Sec. of War has referred to me a letter addressed by you to the Hon. Mr. Mardis disputing your claim for an allowance for traveling expences in the Choctaw campaign of 1831. I received from you a letter dated 17 June last on the same subject, and shortly after turned over to the 2d Auditor, Col. Gibbs A. Gaines' accounts for the period during which you acted. I was enabled subsequently by the reception of some further papers from Col Gaines to reexamine your case, and only awaited the decision of the Auditor on the first accounts to communicate to that gentleman the result which would necessarily be immediately made known to you. Col Gaines' accounts are yet in the hands of the Auditor, unsettled in consequence of a pressure of business, but they will shortly be taken up and finally closed, & in the mean time I will state to you that your bill for vouchers for services &c and so connected with Col Gaines that they cannot be settled apart, but as he will a closing bill owe a small balance to the United States, you are authorized, (your account being admitted,) to claim from him the amount of it. Enclosed is a copy of your bill rendered by Col Gaines, with the receipts marked upon it, together with a bill drawn in proper form upon which Col Gaines will act to the performance of the service which you will please to sign & return to me as soon as practicable.

You allude in your letter to the loss of a horse for which you charged $40=. No allowance can of course be made for this

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Hon Lewis Cass

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Jan 14. 1834

Jany 14. 1834

Hon Lewis Cass
Secy War

Sir,

In compliance with your direction to report upon the proposition of Messrs Ewing and Linn to furnish Corn at Fat Gibson during Sept Spring & Summer, for the supply of emigrating Indians, I have the honor to state that, it is my opinion that Corn will be wanted at that point during the period mentioned;- at all events but a small quantity it is supposed will be required. Should, however the demands of the emigration call for large supplies [redacted] it is believed that the article will be procured at a much lower rate than the offer of those gentlemen $1.45 per bushel,

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Note - The Letters which this report was made were returned to the Sec'y of War -

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Jany – 13th 1824

Hon. Mardis

Ho. Reps. N.S.

Copied L.O.

Jany. 13. 1834

Hon. S. W. Mardis

House of Repts. N. Y.

Sir. The Secretary of War has this day referred to me a letter from Mr. Alex. H. Sommerville of Alabama to you in relation to his claim for traveling expenses growing out of his employment on the Choctaw removal of 1831. The claim of this gentleman was not for a long time recognized, until a subsequent examination of George S. Gaines' accounts, and the production of some additional evidence induced the Department to consent to its admission. Yet the claim made a part of Mr. Gaines' said accounts it was not deemed proper to separate it from them; and that gentleman's account, not being, from a variety of causes, not being finally settled Mr. Sommerville was not apprized of the allowance: this fact it was intended to communicate to him as soon as the 2d Auditor had settled the account of which it was a part. The pressure of business in his office has however prevented the Auditor having charge of this branch of business from taking it up, but it is expected that he will very speedily be enabled to do so. I shall write to Mr. Sommerville at the same time and inform him what course

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July 13th 1834

St. Jos W Harris

Asst Com: Subs.

Fort Preble

Portland

Maine

Copied L. O.

Lt. Jno. W. Harris,
Dist Agt. Cherokees East,
Calhoun, Tenn.

January 13. 1834

Sir,

Your letter of the 27th. ultimo is just received. I have carefully read that part of it relating to the conditions of the enrolled emigrants with respect to their creditors, and the impediments which the latter will probably throw in the way of the former. The Secretary intends ^ will have instructions in relation to this matter forwarded from the Indian Bureau to the Indian Agent.

The situation of some of the poorer Indians, as described by you, is a very unpleasant one. And it would be gratifying to be able consistently with other obligations to give relief. The danger is that, what may be done at one time will become a precedent to be pursued when there is not so much demand for relief, or that those who are not ~~so much~~ necessitated will delay ~~to~~ their operations to obtain subsistence, ~~by~~ relying ~~that~~ the government will supply them. Besides the time ~~must~~ preceding the ensuing migration, ~~and for a short~~ during which provision will be needed by the class you speak of, you are permitted to issue to such of them as are most in want. And you need not regard the regularity enjoined on other occasions, but give such parts of a ration as you think suitable, ~~making up your issues with the utmost economy~~, with a ~~view~~ to the ~~duration~~ of the time for which you will ~~have to~~ employ a proper discretion in the ~~distribution~~ of ~~the~~ ~~provisions~~, which it is not doubted will be beneficently exercised.

~~Your letter was very satisfactory~~ The prospects of the emigration are rather encouraging - and it is hoped that no delay will take place in the movement westward. I have recently had a deposit ~~made~~ to your credit made in the Nashville of $10,000. You will forward me early and precise information of your demands for money. -

~~The letter which I have above acknowledged the receipt is very satisfactory as indeed have been all your communications~~ I am always happy to receive suggestions of the character of those conveyed by you in the letter of which I have above acknowledged the reception, which itself is very satisfactory as indeed have been all your communications -

Yrs...

Lang 13th 1834

Lt. S. R. Vinton
A. C. S. Fort Preble
Maine

Sir

I have rec'd yours of the 28th December asking to have your name placed among "the list of applicants for the Pottawatomie removal", in which it is presumed you desire a Disbursing Agency. Your letter shall be filed and duly considered at the proper time

Lt

Jany 4th 1834

To

Majr J. Currey

Supt Cherokee Agency

Calhoun

Tenn:

Copies G. O.

Jan'y. 4th 1834.

R. F. Curry Esq
Supt. Cherokee Rem.
Calhouns Tenn

Sir,

No information has lately been received direct from you respecting the Cherokee removal; but the Disbursing Agent gives me reason to believe that your success in enrolment has been considerable, and that the removal will not exceed one thousand. The Department will be prepared for the largest number that will probably go, and the Disbursing Agent will be furnished, if any certain data shall be forwarded to me, with a sufficiency of funds.

I have sent him a instruction, of which a copies are enclosed. You will see that he has been directed to go west with the emigrants if it should be at all expedient for him to do so. He will doubtless deem it of importance if the emigration is a large one that he should accompany it, as his services will be much desired on the route.

I deem the properly mustering of the Indians to be most important in all respects. They cannot be viewed to properly without, and the agents of the government where the rolls are not complete may be at a loss hereafter with respect to the claims of individuals for their demands under treaty stipulations. It is indeed very desirable that the exact extent of the emigration should be known to the Department, so that the cost of the removal may be accurately ascertained. These things induce me again to write cautioning you that no [illegible] after the Indians are assembled for emigration, can be completed and examined by the Disbursing Agent, under your direction.

You will please to give timely advice to the agent Abbot, as to the probable period of the arrival of the emigration, so that he may be prepared. And you will also as soon as your leisure permits inform me fully in respect to the subject matter pertaining to your duties.

G. G.

Lt Washington Leguebs

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Lt. Washington Seawell
Disb'g. Agent Cherokee West
Fort Gibson N.T.

January 3. 1834

Sir,

From information recently received I am induced to believe that the Cherokees will speedily remove in considerable numbers from Georgia. I do not know the extent of the enrolment, but it is supposed to be from not less than 500 and probably to reach ~~five~~ thousand or twelve hundred. The greater part of these will go under the superintendence of the Government Agents.

I have directed a deposit to be made to your credit in the Union Bk of Louisiana at New Orleans of Seven thousand dollars. Further sums will be placed there as they may be wanted. The disbursing Agent for the Cherokee removal is Lieut. J. W. Harris. He has been directed to advise you in relation to the movements of the emigrating parties.

In future you will get your ~~[illegible]~~ assistant ~~[illegible]~~ to certify on the back of each provision return (or check) that he issued the provisions that they were in accordance with the regulations. This is deemed proper in order to fulfill the intentions of the ~~7th~~ Article of Section VI of the Regulations

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THE UNITED STATES, TO *Benj F Currey* DR.

1834 July 9	To services as Supt Cherokee Emigration from Oct 22. 1833 to July 1st 1834 at the rate of Two Thousand Dollars per Annum	1380	42/$

Received 183 of

Agent for the Removal and Subsistence of Indians,

thirteen hundred & eighty Dollars, and *forty two* Cents, in full for above account.

Benj F Currey Special Ag.

for the [redacted]

(illegible) GEO. GIBSON, COM. GEN. SUBSISTENCE COPIES OF LETTERS WRITTEN (illegible)

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Mr Waugh will please to refer this to me before he enters it. E

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Office of the Com. Gen. of Subsistence
Washington 13th. June 1835

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter this date, accompanied by a letter from the Select Committee of the Senate on Executive Patronage, I have the honor to state that the number of persons employed in the Commissariat proper in the year 1833 was

Commissary General	1
Commissaries	2
Assistant Commissaries, regularly appointed	40
Acting Assistant Commissaries, temporarily employed, many but a few days, in relieving others on furlough, and in accompanying detachments to their posts	85
Captain in the Army, on Office duties	1
General Contractors	32
Contractors for Fresh Beef	38
do: for the Recruiting Rendezvous, many for not more than one month, & the contracts expire upon the rendezvous being broken up	46
Clerks, by Acts of Congress	3
Enlisted Sergeant as Messenger	1
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and the following employed in the Superintendence of Indians, with regard to whom I will remark that from the nature of the business, but few of them were employed the whole year, most being merely engaged in the active business of removal.

Superintendent

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Superintendents of Emigration	4
Principal Disbursing Agent	1
Disbursing Agents	12
Assistant Agents	10
Assistant Conductors	4
Wagon masters, Clerks, Commissaries, Collectors of Indians, Assistants, Enrolling Agents and Interpreters	73
Contractors	25
Clerks permanently employed in the duties of Emigration of Indians, Subsistence Department	4
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Respectfully

John M. Mc. Jouett

Hon. Lewis Cass.
Secretary of War.

Lt. J. VanHorne
Disby. Agt Creek &c
Fort Gibson.

Jany 14. 1835.

Sir.

You are aware that of the number of Creek emigrants of the present removal, and that no removal of the Cherokees has taken, or is about to take place. Various causes have led to disappointment in the effort to remove a large body of Creeks this winter and more particular instructions have hitherto been delayed till something certain should be known on the subject. My wish is to have the indians subsisted at the least possible expence consistent with what is due to them, and that the whole business should be conducted with care, precision & economy. I will draw your attention to the following instructions which you will carry into execution.

1st. See that you get correct Muster Rolls of the emigrants. Let your enquiries be directed to every thing connected with the indians calculated to make you acquainted with their actual numbers & the principles upon which they have been enrolled; and you will, if not perfectly satisfied with the results, re-enroll them in accordance with the original instructions to the Special Agent east of the Mississippi, a copy of which is now sent to you.

2d. You will keep a book upon which to enter the names of the heads of families &c. On this book put the names of those removed by Mr Stokes, including all whose emigration the U. S. have paid since your Dillons agency among them, and also those who may arrive subsequently. This book will show the precise condition of the indians so far as you can ascertain it, particularly of those to whom the Year's rations are being made. The object is to get at the exact number removed; so that at the termination of the emigration the book will present not only the actual operations of the Department, but very nearly a census of the tribe removed. In order therefore to have it more

complete

..Capleto you may insert at its Commencement the number of Clerk
remand previously to the emigration under my directions.

3. At the end of the quarter after the arrival of the first body of emigrants, you will forward your accounts, accompanied by a ~~Simplest~~ Roll. On this roll there will be a Marginal Statement showing the additions and deductions during the period embraced by the accounts, and their causes, with a recapitulation, showing the number issued to at the various periods comprehended in these additions and deductions. This will appear sufficiently plain by a slight examination of the form sent you.

4th. Contracts [illegible] by the Principal Disb. Agt. [illegible], for complete rations; and [illegible] by the Contractor before [illegible] you forward to the Principal Disbursing Agent the Abstract of issues; that which, in addition to the previous Checks, he will not pay for the [illegible] issued.

5th. The Issues will be made upon the Rolls. The Quarterly Abstract of issues will agree with the recapitulation of the Rolls; and the provision checks forwarded to the principal Disb'g Agent, will exactly support the abstract of issues. ~~The Provision Checks to be issued by the Agent in signing the issues, "I certify the provisions within mentioned have been issued in my presence, and that they were of the proper quality."~~

6th. The provision Checks will invariably be made out as requisitions upon the Contractor, - as his guide in issuing. The whole transaction should be regular, otherwise the Checks are of no value. They will be regularly indorsed by the Agent witnessing the issues: "I certify the provisions within named have all been issued in my presence, and that they were of the proper quality"

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4th At the end of each subsequent quarter, a Quarterly Roll will be transmitted with the accounts. This Roll, ~~in the first place~~, exhibits the additions by arrival and by births; and ~~in the next~~, the reductions in number by deaths, desertions, the completion of the yearly issue, or any other cause; with the recapitulation above mentioned. The form will exhibit all these things

8th. Should you be compelled to buy subsistence to supply the failure of a contractor, or ~~to purchase~~ receive it in bulk ~~for the Contractor~~, in Consequence of the inability of the Principal Disbursing Agent to get bids for the Completion; you will keep besides your Abstract of issues, a Provision returns which will be rendered quarterly in accordance with instructions. But the same care with regard to the precision in issuing, as is pointed out in paragraph 6 of these instructions will be observed in this case.

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9th It has been the practice in some tribes, to give them ~~their~~ their year's issues of meat on the hoof; whilst ~~in other tribes~~, that has been found incompatible with their true interests. It is left to your own sense of expediency to pursue this course or not. It will perhaps be better to issue the complete ration as it may be required every week or ten days at farthest, for a months or two; the contracts being so made as to admit of the change if desirable. The cattle when issued need not be branded.

But it must be understood that no deviation from the rule prescribed in paragraph 6. can be admitted: therefore, if issues should be made to some for a longer period than the current quarter, let the exact state of the issues be shown in a note to the Recapitulation to the Quarterly Roll - So that, as regards them, the temporary discontinuance of the reception of provision can be distinctly seen.

10th You will keep a Journal in which to enter a brief notices of events of interest. The mere statement of facts and occurrences calculated to have a bearing or influence upon the duties of the Agency, or which may prove ultimately of interest to The Department will answer

(5th Sheet)

The foregoing instructions are consistent, it is believed, with the greatest degree of simplicity & efficiency compatible with strict accountability. The alterations in the mode of practical administration are the result of much reflection. It is expected you will execute them fully and completely.

I will give you no instructions touching the other various details of your duty — with them you are well acquainted.

You are authorized to hire a respectable man at a fair compensation, as an ~~Assistant~~ Issuing Agent.

Enclosed are extracts from a letter of instructions to the Principal Disbursing Agent, dated December 17th 1832; and a form of a Quarterly Muster Roll. A book, which I shall term a "Register of Indians" alluded to in paragraph 2? shall be sent to you shortly.

G G.

Enclose. Extract from Instruction to Col Abbot, 17 Dec. 1832
Form of Quarterly Roll
Extracts to Pr. Disbg. 17 Dec. 1832

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Lt. J. Van Horne

14 Jan. 1835.

Copied three times
by J. Ord.

1 Original
2 Copy for Capt Brown
3 Duplicate for Lt Ord

Capt. Jacob Brown,
Pr. Disb. Agt.
L. Rock.

Navy 14th 1835.

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of instructions this day addressed to Lt. VanHorne, on the subject of his duties as Disbursing Agent to the Creeks. These instructions are applied exclusively to them because they will not attempt to answer for the Cherokees, and for that tribe must be dealt by in a manner somewhat different from any of the emigrant Indians. They have not heretofore been put under the Disbursing Agency, but shall be (in order to carry into the plan developed in those instructions of 17 December 1832) as soon as there is another removal.

It is preferred, in all cases that contracts for subsisting the Indians, whether traveling or located on their lands, should be made for the complete ration. The contracting with different individuals for different parts [illegible] creates confusion & irregularities [illegible] for the rations at the several places, whilst the Agent to warrant the delivery of one [illegible] without the rest.

You will immediately after the reception of this, if you have not made some arrangement of a similar character before, advertise for proposals for the subsistence of the Creeks for one year from the 1st of April next. If you have made any arrangement inconsistent with the foregoing, you will have it rescinded if practicable, giving the person with whom you have made it, any just & equitable preference in contracting for the new contract. Or you may merely alter

(enclose Copy of Lt. VanHorne's instructions)

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his terms, times or modes of supply. It will be necessary in the first place, to learn from Lt. VanHorne, how many persons of issue there will be: this will be arranged by him with the agents, according to the Regulations, Art. 7. Sect. VI. The Contracts in no case to be for specific quantities. It is my opinion that the Creeks now emigrating must be regularly fed at short periods, for at least two months, perhaps through the year, and that the commuting of their meat ration by giving them Cows & calves may not be done to any considerable extent — where this is desirable Lt. VanHorne is directed to do it. And they are represented to me as generally very needy. [Therefore one likely to want the option given to them.] You will stipulate for Cows and calves, at a certain price, to be furnished after notice given to the Contractors; and if it can be done with satisfaction to the Indians, stipulate also for the delivery of breeding hogs.

I wish you to examine well what appears, I think, to be the practical effects of the instructions to Lt. VanHorne connected with the foregoing. You cannot fail to see that the result will be a simplification of the system of issuing heretofore practiced, and at the same time the production of almost entire certainty as to the accuracy of the agents' accounts. The first effect produced will be an ability in this Office to determine the relative [illegible] demands. [illegible] the extent to which the issues to the Indians; that the latter have got their demands & no more; and wherein issues in anticipation have been made, to detect the [illegible]

And

And in the next place to know the state of the emigration at any time; the numbers arriving at different times; the deaths, births, & the during the period of sojourning, or any other increase or decrease of families: the first, to ascertain at the termination of the removal of a tribe, every fact connected with their location most of all interesting to the Department to know. The mode of contracting and accountability, will effectually aid the settlement of accounts, because there will be an entire consistency between the basis of the whole operation & the Muster Rolls, and the checks and other vouchers.

The Abstract of issues referred to in the 6th paragraph of Gen Van Rensselaer's instruction will accompany our accounts.

G.G.

Encls
(Copy Letter to Gen Van Rensselaer)

Copies J. O.

January 14. 1835

Hon: Lew. Cass

Secy War.

Sir,

I have the honor to report upon the letter of the Hon: Hugh L White enclosing one from Mr. James Robinson of Winchester Tenn: in relation to notes given by Cherokee emigrants to Thos. G. Logan for waggons &c which notes have not yet been paid.

The Cherokee emigration of last season consisted of two classes of emigrants: those who removed under the immediate direction of the Disbursing Agent, Lieut: Harris; & others who received a commutation allowance in money and removed themselves. The latter took upon themselves the entire responsibility of their migration, and were not dependant upon the Agent. [illegible] of those commutation emigrants to the nation of Mile[illegible] the notes alluded to by Mr Robinson, were doubtless given [illegible] to Mr. Logan for the means of transportation of himself and others: it is understood that some responsible individuals became the contractors for the removal of more families than their own, and thus incurred all the expenses incident thereto. I doubt not this is such a case, and that it was intended the holders of the notes should be paid out of the money to be remitted to the eastern agency [illegible] pay for relinquished improvements. This certain however, that the Department owes nothing to individuals in that country for the means of removing the Indians, the Disbg. Agent having promptly paid all the obligations incurred by

Capt. G. Morris
P. M. G. Rocks.

May 10. 1835.

Sir,

By Yours of December 4th I am informed that there is a large quantity of household furniture, belonging to the late Choctaw emigrants, now in store at Little Rocks, and "a considerable quantity stored in an old cabin near Cadron Creek". You are not willing to meet the wishes of the Choctaws by paying for the storage of their things or having them transported, without instructions from me. I have consulted Dr. Harris, whose letter to you, enclosed herewith, will show you how the matter stands so far as he was concerned. Notwithstanding the Indians failed to comply with his wishes, and have thus, doubtless, created much unnecessary expense, I should like to be able to serve them as effectually as the restoring to them their domestic utensils he would certainly do. The large quantity of baggage transported is attributable to the mode of transportation, and the [illegible] of the expedition. That of its ultimate destination, certainly gives them some claim to the accomplishment by the government of which the return thereof would have insured them. Be this as it may, - it will not do to reason too closely where humanity has a claim to be heard, - I am willing to do whatever may be reasonable, and should not hesitate at once to decide upon what is to be done, if you had forwarded

a statement of the probable expenditures attendant upon the transportation required for the Cherokee agency. You will examine the goods, and if they are in conformity to your contract, and the reports of expenditures, you are authorized to have them forwarded by water to the proper landing place in the Cherokee Country. But if after the reception of this you still feel in doubt, you will report to me for information.

G. G.

Enclosed
Alexander Walker

To
Hon:
Lewis Cass
Secy. War

copy by J.O.

Copied J. O.

July 26th 1835

Hon Lewis Cass
Secy of War

Sir,

A letter was yesterday from the Hon R. Garland of the House of Representatives, dated the 15th Inst. was referred to me on the 22d. Mr. Garland desires information respecting a claim of Jack Wafer for services in removing the Choctaw Indians, from near Monroe Louisiana, to their territory West of Arkansas, and furnishing them with provisions.

I have recently received a letter from Capt Jacob Brown, Principal Disbursing Agent of Indian Removal at Little Rock, inclosing a letter from Mr Wafer and his bill amounting to $318.68/100

The bill is for subsisting 98 Choctaw Indians who were emigrating under the officers of the Government in the winter of 1832 and were left destitute of provisions &c. and for team hire during a period of eighteen days.

It appears that neither Capt Brown nor Lieut Stephenson, Disbursing Agent at Fort Towson, knows any thing of Mr Wafer's claim. Before it can be allowed the facts in the case must be established. Mr Wafer states in his bill that these Indians were emigrating

under officers of the Government, but he does not say what officers. He does not show why the officers left them behind, unless this officer can be plainly satisfied of the facts of the case, as stated by Mr Wafer, there would be an insuperable objection to his claim - which is that the Indians be assisted with transportation and subsistence were among those who emigrated without the aid of the Government Agents and subsequently received a commutation allowance through the Disbursing officers in the Indian Country.

Mr Wafer's claim may be just. I will therefore suggest, that if he knows the names of the principal Indians among those he assisted, he can learn from Lieut Stephenson whether they were paid commutation. If he ascertains that they were not Commutation Indians, let him attend to the satisfaction of this office the facts stated by him: for it will doubtless be in his power, by Consulting his rolls, and the evidence addduced by the party the claimants, to make a satisfactory report to me.

Enclosed is a copy of Capt Brown's letter, dated [illegible].

Wafer's letter & Statement.

July 28th 1835

To St. M. W. Bateman

Dist. Agt. Cherokees

Calhoun

Tenn.

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~~Official~~ L. O.

Jany 28th 1835.

Lt M. W. Bateman
Disby Agt Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn

Sir,

Enclosed is a Voucher with drawn from the accounts of Lt Harris. It is for $94 44/100 paid Maj Cuney a traveling expenses going from Washington City by way of Golconda to Calhoun. ~~The~~ ~~part~~ ~~Amount~~ ~~is disallowed~~

Maj Cuney will make out another bill for the additional expences incurred in going to Golconda & Cape Girardeau, beyond what would have been necessary in his travel from Washington to Calhoun. He will then pay you the difference between the two bills & receipt to you for the amount of his traveling expences. You will forward to me a receipt to Lt Harris for the amount of the bill now sent to you ~~and the new transaction will be brought~~ the bill will be exhibited upon your accounts for the 1st Qr 1835.

RG.

Send a bill

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Hon. H. Garland

Jany 27. 1835

Removal of Choctaw Indians

War Dept
Jany. 27. 1835.

Sir:

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 15 inst. respecting Mr. Lane Wafer's claim for services in removing Choctaw Indians, and, in reply beg leave to refer you to the enclosed report from the Commissary General of Subsistence, to whom is committed the business connected with the removal of Indians, which contains the information you desired.

Very Respectfully

Lewis Cass

Hon R. Garland
H. of R.

The amount to be paid Mr Campbell is $103.50

The bill [illegible] the letter of the late Superintendt

Mr Armstrong Esqr are returned herewith

G/G

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Treasy - 26th 1838

Wm D. Lee Esqr

Asst Cashier

Treasy Department

The appropriation

with Endorsees

Mr Wraxall applying to me

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Treasy - 26th 1838

To Hon. G. Gurney Esqr

Chief Cashier

Treasy Department

The appropriation

with Endorsees

Mr Waugh applying to my

Copies L. O.

N. P. Lewis Esq.
2d. Asst. Treasy. Dept

Jany. 26. 1835.

Sir,

You referred to this office some days since, a letter from Bishop Kemphlin of Nashville enclosing his bill for services, in the Choctaw Removal of 1833; amounting to $128.50. This bill is correct, but as Mr. Campbell was paid by Lt Phillips in the 4th Quarter of 1833, $25.00, for travelling from Nashville to Choctaw Agency, being 250 miles at 10 cts per Mile, that sum will be deducted from the payment to be made to Mr. Campbell, it having already been allowed by me in the examination of Lt Phillips accounts. It will be readily seen that the allowance of ten cents per Mile for transportation was not intended to be made, except on the return of Agents after having completed their duty.

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Jany. 24. 1835—

Lt J. V. Allstonne
Dist. Dept. Creek Nation
Fort Gibson.

Sir,

I Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to Capt Brown Principle Disb'g Agent, on the 14th Inst.

Respectfully

Your Obt Servt
Capt W. S. Foster

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Jany. 16th 1835.

Mr. J. O'Ferrall
Piqua, Ohio.

Sir,

I have received and duly considered your letter of the 25th December, ultimo. I am under the impression that the proposal made to you in my letter to Judge Crane dated the 24th Sept. is based upon entire equity. I have thus offered all I can do, and I am sorry you will not accept the terms. The motive which you state as a sufficient reason for declining to accede to my proposition, to wit an implied doubt as to the correctness of the account, may perhaps be overcome when I state that I have attached no doubt either directly or implicitly that would affect you as a correct and honorable man. But I will remark in addition that as a public Officer it is my duty to scrutinize all claims from whatever source, that are brought against this Office - And it rarely happens, as you well know, that the opinions of claimants and those who have to pass upon their claims are precisely of the same nature. It is a trite maxim, but the principles involved are as important as if it was [redacted] ver

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Copt. by A.B.

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Acy. Quarter Master Hartwell

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Hon. H. L. White
Jany 14. 1835

Subsistence Office
—
Removal & Subsistence
of Indians

War Dept
January 14. 1825

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing one from James Robinson to you respecting the claims of Mr. Logan on some of the emigrating Cherokees, which I have had the honor to receive, I beg leave to refer you to the enclosed report from the Secy. Genl of Indian Affairs, which contains all the information this dept. can furnish on the subject. Mr R's letter is returned.

Very &c

Hon Hugh L White,
U.S. Senate

Supt Choctaw Nation

Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 22d ultimo, and the Secretary of War has referred to me that from you on the same subject dated the 26th. ultimo. Your course is entirely approved. It is gratifying to find that you are determined to pursue such measures as are calculated to promote economy, whilst they do not risk the efficiency of the services in which you are engaged.

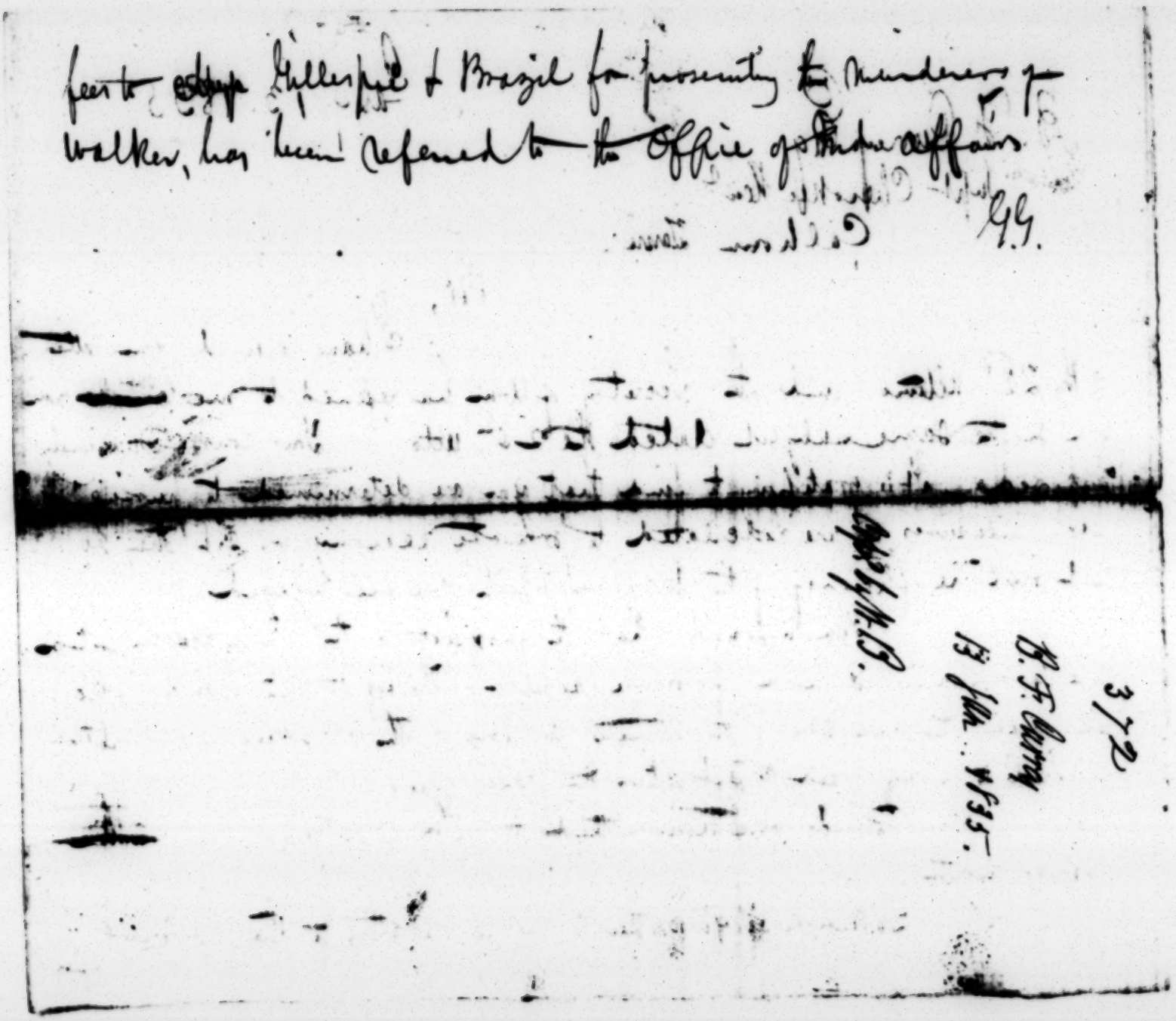
I am informed that the prospects of the Cherokee emigration are now wearing a more favorable aspect. The efforts of its friends, who are equally the promoters of the ultimate welfare of the Cherokees, will doubtless succeed to a very great extent within the present year.

Funds were transmitted to Dr Bateman early in the present month.

So much of your letter to me as relates to the pamphlet of

fear to escape Gillespie & Brazil for prosecuting the murderers of Walker, has been referred to the Office of Indian affairs

G.G.



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Lieut. Col. Wm. Polk Commr.

Jan. 13. 1779

Capt. Lyle's Bill.

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Lieut. M. W. Bateman
Jan. 13. 1885

Capt. Lyle. B.

W. W. Bateman, Esq. Jany 13. 1855

Dist. & Asst. Cashier,

Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

Yours of the 2d Decemb
is just received. You will find that I have applied for
authority to draw five thousand dollars, on the 5th. inst. It will
be placed with the Treasurer funds have been sent to the Union Bank at
Nashville. You state that there is a Branch of that Bank at
Knoxville and that the Planters Bank of Tenn. has a Branch at
Athens 40 Miles from Calhoun. Before another deposit becomes necessary
I will see what better arrangement may be made with the Treasurer.

Lieut. Harris has put down in his estimate an item for
"necessary expenses" of Appraising & Enrolling Agents, $ 2/6.- I do
not recognize this item as being contemplated by regulations or instructions.
Lieut. Harris tells me he inserted it merely for the purpose of getting a
decision; as it seemed to be the impression of the Agents & Commissioners,
that the Secretary of War's "Memorandum" in which four dollars a
day, including all necessary expenses" and
construction is incorrect. The meaning is that the four dollars are
to include those "necessary expenses"

Your predecessor has handed me a statement of the
manner in which he performed his duties, which from having served
I think may prove useful. I shall forward to you
specific instructions. Meanwhile should any thing occur about
which you have doubts, and there is time for reference to me, you can
write me.

I am happy to learn that the prospect of your

a Reprovisal of the Chesapeake brigantine. There seems to be little doubt that you may be in the course of the year actively employed.

You will be therefore [illegible] informing yourself fully of every thing having connection with your duties, which a short season of comparative inaction may be better enable you to do.

G. W.

Lawy 12. 1835.

Lt. G. I. Rains
7th Infy. Fort Gibson

Sir, I have received your letters of the 10th & 12th Inst. with their enclosures.

Your accounts shall speedily be taken in hand, and I hope we may be able to have them in a train for settlement. You shall be duly advised, if it should be necessary, of any irregularities, or such other matters as may require explanation.

GG.

Dr. J R Stephenson
Disb Agt Choctaws
&c &c Jnrsn

January 12. 1835

Sir,

I have received your of the 8th. & 30th. of November with their enclosures.

In the latter you inform me that all the Choctaw claimants for relinquished Cattle, [redacted] to the roll sd you have been paid, and that you have returned on the balance of the funds to Capt Brown, - this is approved.

G.G.

[redacted] GEO. GIBSON, COM. GEN. SUBSISTENCE COPIES OF LETTERS WRITTEN (#385--398 INCLUSIVE)

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Feby 2, 1835

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Feby. 2. 1835.

Hon: J. K. Polk,
Chairman Com. Ways & Means
House Reps:

Sir,

I am just informed by the ~~Officer of Indian affairs~~ that you wish to be able ~~to state~~ to the House the cost of the ration for the emigrant indians, and the estimated price per head of removal from the east to the west of the Mississippi. On examining the Appropriation bill, I find it does not contain this information, and I therefore enclose to you the original estimate from this office upon which it was based. Some remark in relation to the estimate for the removal of the Seminoles, that information & reports recently received make me apprehensive that it is too low — this will certainly be the case, should the indians determine on going by land. The price per head for the removal of the Cherokees, it is believed will do. Experience hitherto has proved it to be sufficient except perhaps in times of unexpected difficulty in the navigation of the Arkansaw river, owing to drought, delays, low water, sickness or from some other cause. The costing the ration is put down at what will cover all expences attending the obtaining of the provisions of the best quality, including also the expences of agents. The additional appropriation for Looms which I am asked for on account of the increased costs & expences attendant on the procurement & delivery of the 400 looms 1000 prs of Cards 1000 flyers &c &c, over the calculations previously made.

G. L.

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Official C.O.

Hon: A. H. Sevier
House Reps: U. States

February 6. 1835.

Sir,

I have had the claim of Mr. Ficklin, for loss sustained in consequence of the non reception by the ~~Depot~~ agents of ~~their Choctaw~~ Emigrations of Indians, of certain rations in the ~~fall~~ of 1833, as carefully investigated as, from the circumstances of the case, it is susceptible of being. And I now state to you the results of that investigation.

Lt. Wharton Rector made in 1833, a contract with Mr. Ficklin in 1833 ~~with Mr. Ficklin a contract~~ for the subsistence of Choctaws expected to emigrate in the fall of that year. The contract alluded to, specifies eight places of delivery beginning at Mrs Black's, at which place the contractor was to deliver "seven thousand rations for indians, and forage for seventy teams, and seven hundred pack horses, more or less, for two days". At each of the other seven places he was to deliver "two thousand two hundred rations, and forage for twenty five teams and two hundred pack horses."

This ~~statement~~ view of the case would seem to entitle Mr. Ficklin to nothing for a failure to receive at Mrs Black's ~~the quantity~~ of rations of provisions and forage indicated in the contract: because the term "more or less", doubtless left it optional with the agent to take any quantity from him ~~which might~~ be required at that point. The mentioning ~~of any~~ particular number of rations was ~~improper~~ useless, inasmuch as it could be binding ~~with~~ against ~~the~~ Contractor nor the United States, qualified as it is by the terms just mentioned. The only reason for inserting the ~~particular quantity~~ number was, perhaps, by way of guide to the Contractor; ~~as it~~ surely

Mr. Ficklin ~~says~~ he sustained a loss of $762.00, and produces two Statements from gentlemen who were his agents & assistants. These statements differ very materially: one of them, ~~changes~~ the number of rations to be delivered at Mrs Black's is 7000; in the other it is 21,000. Mr. Ficklin attempts to reconcile this by saying that one of the statements shows only the number of rations to be delivered in one day, whereas the contract requires him to furnish rations for three days at that point. The language of the contract is ~~at Mrs Black's, two Houses~~ correctly quoted in the first paragraph of this letter, by which it will be seen, that the contractor was to furnish Seven Thousand rations, more or less, for two days & forage for a certain number of teams, more or less, for two days. Mr. Ficklin is therefore mistaken as to the number of days, and the statement which puts down seven thousand as the whole number to be delivered in two days, and not seven thousand per day, must be correct, because seven thousand per day would have required seven thousand Indians, which number was not only beyond the contemplation of the Agents, but it was double the whole number of Choctaws then remaining east of the Mississippi.

Beverley was to be of no obligation, or else the qualification was utterly useless and inserted to no purpose; and it is not probable that this effect was not properly appreciated by both parties. But this office is willing to concede to Mr. Ficklin a claim under the stipulations for delivery at the other points; connected with which is any qualification used, but the number of rations for Indians & the number of teams & horses to be foraged, is stipulated without any provision for increase or diminution. In the case alluded to, there was a perfect obligation on the part of the United States to receive the articles agreed for; and the reception of but a portion of those articles gives the claimant a right to the damages ensuing. Now the question simply is, what were those damages? As far as may be the tenor of the contract, they could only have arisen out of the difference of the value, according to the contract, of the articles delivered and their value after their rejection. To ascertain this diffrance it must be shewn how much profit would have been realized, or if the articles were sold, how much they sold for. In the latter case the difference between the amount of sales & the contract price would be the damages. I do not know that there can be any damages claimed consequentially, for the contract declares that "the United States will be responsible for no accidents arising under or growing out of" its foregoing stipulations.

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I write immediately instruct Capt Brown Commissioner Dist Ark at Little Rock, hitherto investigate the business upon the principles above laid down; and as soon as his report is received it shall be acted on. Mr. Hicklin may rest assured that whatever is right & proper shall be done — this would have been the case some months since, had he then furnished the materials upon which to act with any thing like a correct view of the subject. No step will be taken that is not guided by equity; but whilst individual interests may be consulted, those of the government must be preserved.

I inclose you a copy of the letter addressed to Capt Brown.

G.G.

Inclose copy letter to Capt Brown

Copied J. Ord.

Feb'y 6th 1835.

Capt. Jacob Brown,
Principal Disbg agt. Rem. Ind.
Little Rock A.T.

Sir,

The Hon. Mr. Crozier has presented to me some additional papers in relation to the claim of Mr. Ficklin, for damages sustained in consequence of the Agent's not receiving certain rations contracted for to subsist the Choctaws in the emigration of 1833. There were eight places of delivery; the first at Mrs Black's: The terms of the Contract with regard to the rations to be furnished there preclude, in my opinion, any claim. But, I am willing to admit that there is a just claim, for whatever damages may have fairly resulted out of the non delivery of a certain portion of the rations at all the other places. You will investigate the business and report to me. The following Course is indicated to you. Ascertain from the contract the number of rations to be delivered; from your accounts the number received and paid for; the difference will show how many rations this claim depends. Then ascertain whether the Contractor was ready to the full extent at a point. If so, see what disposition was made by him of the rations

rations not received. If they were sold, the amount of said sale could be known. The result must show how much per ration on the rations not delivered, but which he was entitled to deliver, should be paid by the United States to the Contractor.

The whole may be accomplished with little labor, if the other party will readily accede to the measure proposed; if he will not, you will take such course to arrive at the truth as you may deem proper. The statements you may obtain will be sustained by depositions; they need not be long or many circumstantial — the facts alone are desirable. I will remark here, that I have on file the various papers hitherto forwarded by Mr Fickling, and that similar ones are not at all necessary to enlighten you on the subject; for instance the gentleman who made his agents depose to a loss of $7 62-100 — they do not show how it occurs, when this fact alone is important.

Enclosed — a copy your letter to Mr Lovier.

GG

Enclose copy of letter to A. H. Lovier

Copied J. O.

February 6. 1835.

To Mr. Th. N. Ficklin
Potosi
Mk. T.

Sir,

I have received from Mr. Genier your letter to him and the statements of your agents. A statement of a very different character was laid before me some months ago, but I wanted something further in order to enable me to act upon your claim. I have replied to Mr Genier, and have shewn him the grounds upon which the claim may be ~~without any considerable lapse of time~~ adjusted. He will of course communicate with you upon the subject. Should you enter into the views I have taken, in making you whatever Compensation you may be entitled to ~~you will need be little delay~~. I am impressed with the belief that ~~they~~ these views are characterized by perfect equity.

J. G.

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H. Deninger

Feby 6. 1835

Copd. Wm.

Recd. Sept.

Febry 6th 1835.

Henry Deringer Esq
Philada.

Sir,

I want for the use of the Choctaws eighteen pairs of Light Horse pistols. They must be well made and of moderate cost. You will please to inform me by what time you could have them finished, and the cost of the description of pistol to which I refer.

G. G.

Lt Col W. Bateman

Dy Asst Chickasaw agt

Calhoun Tenn:

February 3d. 1835—

Sir,

I have rec.d your letters dated the 1st. 3d. 4th & 11th January.

The letter of the 2d. has been handed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom the making of payments to Indians for relinquished improvements belongs. I do not know whether the Secretary of War will direct that you be associated with Major Currey in that business; nor that you will be connected with it at all. If it is the Secretary I wish you will be ordered to act, so far as concerns that, under the orders of the Commissioner, but it will be understood that nothing must interfere with the duties proper of Indian Emigration. You should therefore, in all things, decide any thing occur whereby duties required of you may be inconsistent with the proper performance of those which are, with this Office, of paramount consideration, you will report to me the fact. Any funds confided to you by the War Department Office of Indian Affairs will be accounted for to

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Lieut. M. W. Bateman
3. Feb. 1835.

Copy to H.B.

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Lieut. M. W. Bateman
3. Feb. 1835.

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that office, with which all the correspondence touching the business above alluded to, will be conducted.

The letter dated the 24th January inclosed an Estimate of funds for the 1st. Quarter of 1835, amounting, exclusive of the sum inserted at the request of the Superintendent for "Debts of Emigrants &c" to $13,643.50.

You will see by my letter of the 13th Inst. that the item for "necessary expenses of enrolling agents, which Lt Harris had included in his estimate, is disapproved. As to the item for "transportation & necessary expenses of Disbursing Agt", you will learn instructions hereafter. ** The item do

Your Account Current, & proofs Nelson, for the 4th Quarter 1834 have been examined & are correct. There appears on the letter a case of pocket instruments, turned over by Lt Harris. You will sell it if you can do so without too great a sacrifice. They cost eighteen dollars.

G.G

** The item of $3853. and other necessary payments will be fully covered by the remittances recently made you. I should like to know the particulars of this item: you will forward it to me as soon as paid without waiting for the separation of the quarter. I will make you a further deposit to your credit of five thousand dollars, shortly.

Hon. Lewis Cass
30th Sept. 1833.

Rec'd Sept. 6.

Office of the Com Gen of Pub
Washington 30th Jan 1835

Sir

In compliance with the letter of 21st Inst
from the Committee of Ways & Means asking for infor-
mation in order to enable them to act upon the Resolu-
tion of the House of Representatives of 17th Inst as to the
"expediency of regulating by law, the number of Clerks in
" the Departments of State, Treasury, War" &c I have
the honor to report that there are fifteen Clerks allowed
by law in the Subsistence Department proper, whose
aggregate salaries amount to $2,950 per annum, whose
duties are as ordinary and laborious & responsible as
those of any other Clerks under Government, and whose
services cannot be dispensed with.

The act authorizing the present mode of supplying the
Army of the United States expires by limitation on the 2nd
of March of this year, and the salaries of the Clerks will cease
with that act, a bill was reported to the House of Repr-
esentatives on the 6th March 1834, and ordered by the House to
be printed the 8th Dec 1834 and will shortly be brought before
the House. This Bill (No 56) was accompanied by a report
from this office (315) it contemplates making the present mode of
supplying the Army permanent and
of fixing the salary of the principal Clerk at $1600.
One other Clerk at $1200. and the 3d Clerk at $1000 per annum

which by reference to the report, it will be perceived will
obtain the Clerks in this Office at nearly the same com-
pensation as that paid by the Classification of Congress of
1818 to Clerks performing similar duties in the
Civil Bureaus, and will be giving them no more, than
an
as a act of plain justice they are fully entitled to.

In the Office for the Emigration of Indians under my
control, there are Four Clerks employed; One of
whom has been transferred from this Office to act as
in this Office
principal Clerk and receiving an annual compensation
of $1600, viz$ $800 from the appropriation for the Bureau
Clerk his account of
service and $800 from the appropriation for Intercourse
with Indians, thus making his salary equal to that of the Chief
Clerk of the Indian Bureau. One Clerk
has been temporarily brought into the Indian Office
and in consequence of this transfer, there remains $1600
for annual salaries out of the appropriation for the
Emigration of Indians

Three of the Clerks employed in that Office receive
$1000 each, and the fifth $800 per annum; two
at the rate of $1000 per annum
Other Clerks are temporarily employed for short
periods
vouchers, copying documents in compliance with calls
from the Senate & House of Representatives, which could

must be done by the Clerks regularly employed without leaving the current transactions of the Office unattended to.

The business connected with the Depredations of the Indians, is of a multifarious & complicated nature, requiring great assiduity, and the services of the Clerks now employed in that Office ~~of the Police~~ will be called for during the continuance, ~~of the Office~~, and it is therefore respectfully recommended that should their salaries be found by them, ~~the~~ be encreased so that the principal Clerk receive a salary of $1600, and the two other Clerks, salaries of $1,000 per annum each.

Very Respectfully
Your most obt
S.S

Hon
Lewis Cass
Secy of War

* These Orders have been stopped for want of Funds provided for the Exchange of Lands &c by the Act 2d May 1830, which being nearly exhausted, some further provision by Law will be necessary.

The following letter is a reply to the letter from the Secretary of War dated — — —. See the first page of the letter book relative to the Indian Office in the letter books of that Office

Mr Campbell's bill for services & translation would also be subject to deduction of £20.-.- but for the fact that he was not paid in full by you, he having served, according to the defendant's statement, until the 2nd Nov. 1933. The overpayment has therefore been taken from his subsequent bill of services.

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Mr Campbell's bill for services & transportation would also be subject to deduction of $20.00 but for the fact that he was not paid in full by you, he having served, according to the Defendant's statement, until the 2d Nov. 1833. The non-payment has therefore been taken from his subsequent bill of services.

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10,022.00
8,649.95
1,372.05
1,129.62½
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Jany 30th. 1835.

Lt. G. A. Phillips,
U. S. Army
West Point
N. York

Sir,

The following is a statement of your accounts for expenditures in the Removal and Subs: of Indians, as after examination in this office:

Abst. Transp. 4th Qr 1833. — No 1 — of the voucher paid note receipted for, my $ 3.24

It is expected Mr Campbell will forward a receipt for the amount from Nashville.

Abst Pay 4th Qr 1833 — No 13 — Thos. Irwin's pay Rc.

~~This gentleman's account for three months pay is received but is not included to make the deduction for your account, for the warrant though upon that the double pay is to be made, but upon~~

This gentleman's account of actual expenses cannot be allowed until some of the items are more satisfactorily stated, particularly that dated Oct 10. in which he charges $80 = paid at the Old agency. I have written to him to explain this charges. You are aware that from this voucher $25. were deducted being for transportation from Washington to the Choctaw Agency; and that the same amount has a similar charge was deducted from Mr. Millard's, and $48. from Mr Crop's bills.

Over

Voucher 12 same abstract, also wants some explanation
in regard items of "actual expenses" I have written to Mr. Rogs
to furnish them. "

Vouchers 18. 19 & 20. same abstract

(These are M. B. Winchester's & Z. Hite's

bills for ferriages. You remark on your abstract ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~reports~~ Hite's vouchers ~~that~~ were authorized by the War Dept to be
paid. I find ~~that~~ On the 15th August 1833, I wrote to Mr
Armstrong, I had no objection to the payment of Mr Hite, but that
the accounts must be closely scrutinized. I doubt not
his having done so, but as the receipt is signed by M. B.
Winchester for Z. Hite, the vouchers cannot be passed
unless some evidence of Winchester's being Hite's agent is
adduced. I have addressed Mr Armstrong on the subject.
He will also explain why David King signed voucher 18 for
M. B. Winchester. ~~I have written to the~~ over

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There is in your voucher C. for the last Quarter, a charge for transportation of Subsistence of Self while on the Emigration, 2 months & Seven Days (77 days) - $674." This is unsupported by voucher or certificate. The Commencement & termination of the two months should be stated; and the daily expenditures If you cannot furnish these, you will give a Certificate showing that you Kept an account by you "actual expenses", and that they, within that time mentioned, amounted to the sum charged. *

(These unnecessary deficiencies have hitherto prevented me from transmitting your accounts to the 2d Auditor for final adjustment. I hope in a short time to announce to you them being Satisfactorily Closed

* You make a similar Charge in your acct. for the 1st. 2d. & 3d Qrs of 1833, viz for 65 days transportation & Subsistence of Self - $730.00, to which the remarks just made also apply

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It appears that forty eight dollars have been by you
(through Lieut Thomas) placed to the credit of the United States in the Bank of the
Metropolis. This, I presume, you intended to cover the deduction
for the amount of Lt. Croft's bill. But I understand Mr Millard
to have deposited in the same Bank the sum deducted from his
bill, to your credit.

Enclosed is a copy of your Account Current,
with the attestation of the Account from the Abstract of
Contingencies, and the Credit of the $48 above alluded
to. The apparent balance against you is $1529.05,
which you will please to deposit in either of the
Deposit Banks in the City of New York, directing the
Cashier to send me a certificate of the same. Should
the vouchers above mentioned as being defective, be corrected
or explained, as doubtless they will, no further money it is believed
will be required from you to settle the account.

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You will please to give this business your earliest attention. The Account Current properly signed by you should be returned to me

Yours &c

A. J. C. Phillips.

Nov. 30. 1835.

Respectfully

Ohio Sylvania

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You will please to give this business your earliest attention. The account current properly stated by you shall be returned to you.

A. J. C. Phillips.

Jan. 30. 1835.

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Philip Campbell

Janv. 30. 1835

Cpt? Bkn

Recd. J. A. W.

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Jany 30th 1835-

Mr Philip Campbell
Nashville Tenn:

Sir,

An account of
Yours for Services in the last Choctaw removal, was
referred to me a short time since by Maj W.B. Lewis.
I have had it examined and finding it Correct, it
will be paid through the Second Auditors office. There
will be deducted from it $2.50 ~~one eagle~~ paid to you by Lt.
Phillips, for transportation from Natchez to Choctaw
Agency. No allowance of this kind can be made, as
it is expressly Contrary to the Regulations.

Enclosed is a small bill (sent to you by the post office) to you by Lt. Phillips. The original is receipted for only the amount of the two first items - be pleased to receipt it ~~forward it to me without~~ delay

Endorse bill

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J. M. Millard

Jany 30. 1835

2 Copies

Rec'd Feb. 11

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Sawy. 30. 1835.

Mr. I. M. Millard,
Nashville- and
Choctaw Agency West

Sir,

I find it necessary in the settlement of Lt. I. A. Phillips' account for the 4th Quarter of 1833, to get from you some explanations in relation to your ~~account~~ bill of actual expenses. In order that you may the more readily see what I want, I send a copy of the bill. The items particularly alluded to are marked in pencil. If you remained steadily at any particular point the expense incurred will not be allowed. You must therefore shew where you were at the time of each charge; and I should like moreover that you would add a further certificate on the subject of the nature of the expenses - particularly as to the last item charged of $148.: this should be given in detail.

Your immediate attention is requested to this

Yours &c.

Enclosed copy of bill

Signing with the accounts you wish for the property of putting down the place of each payment.

G. G.

Enclosed

Hon. Abram Bruin
Aug. 29. 1835.

Rec'd.

Enclose bill

Hon. Thomas Brown
Augy 24. 1835

City Bank

Rec'd. [illegible]

Forgiving me the accompanying note for the propriety of putting down the place of each payment.

G. G.

Mr. Thomas Irwin
Nashville Tenn.

Jany 24. 1835.

Sir,

Before a final settlement of the Accounts of Lt. Phillips late Disbursing Agent to the Choctaws, it becomes necessary to get from you an explanation of the details of various items of your Account of expenses which is in the Choctaw Nation from the 1st June to the 31st of October 1833.

The items which I wish particularly thus to bring to your attention, are those marked with pencil in the Copy of the account now sent to you. You will please to state what is meant by "Amount paid at Columbus" and "Bills at Columbus". And you will also give in detail the "amount paid at the Old Agency", four $80.00. These sums alluded to will not be allowed in settlement with Lt Phillips, if it appear that you were remaining at the Nation steadily at any point or place, during the time the bills were contracted for which the sums marked by me were paid; you will then of course have to refund.

Yours

King's right to sign for Mr. Winchester. I send you Copies of the three vouchers alluded to that you may see more clearly what is required to be done.

I shall address you very soon in relation to Mr Byrne's Cattle Agency account.

Yours &c

Enclose 3 bills

3 Enc.

William Armstrong Esq

Marshall's Town

Aug 29. 1855

Copies of Vouchers

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Wing's right to sign for Mr. Winchester. I send you Copies of the three vouchers alluded to that you may see more clearly what is required to be done.

I shall address you very soon in relation to Mr Byrne's Cattle Agency account.

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Enclose 3 bills

Rec'd Jan 29. 1883.

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Nashville Tenn Jany 29. 1883

Wm Armstrong

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Washington 29th Jany 1835.

Wm Armstrong Esq.
Nashville, Tenn:

Sir, In the examination of Lieut J. A. Phillips' accounts for disbursements in the last Choctaw removal, I find he paid M.B. Winchester for freight on the Mississippi $27.00. The bill is accepted by "David King Agent for M.B. Winchester"; and that he paid at the same time Z. White two bills for freight of emigrants in 1832, one for $485.00, the other for $9.50, both of which are signed "Z White by his Agent M.B. Winchester" White's bills are both marked with your approval.

The signing by an individual as agent is irregular without producing Attorney as such it appears to the bill for the officer making the payment, or some other responsible person, certifies he knew the agent to be properly authorized. It is to be presumed that you were perfectly satisfied on that score, as to Winchester's agency for White, I note therefore be glad if you will state it; and at the same time include what you may know about David

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S. T. Cross.

Jan.y 29. 1835.

Capt. G. H. B.

Rec.d S.T.C.

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J. J. Crosby Esq.
Madison Ind.a

Jany. 29. 1835.

Sir,

In the ~~settlement of~~ Lieut J. A. Phillips' account for 4th Qr 1833 it becomes necessary to ask a further explanation of you with regard to the payment of your account of "Actual expenses" at 1833, a copy of which is herewith. I wish to draw your attention particularly to the ~~three~~ items marked in pencil, and if practicable to give me the details of them, any original memoranda will do. I wish it to be shewn whether you were or not, at the time, actively employed — for if at sea, it will be out of the question to admit these charges, and they will then be disposed to Lt Phillips' account. You will please to state where you were at the several dates. I wish a reply as soon as possible after you receive this. Early attention on your part will facilitate the closing of the business.

G. L.

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Jany 28th 1835

To
Majr F Curry &c
Supt Choctaw Nation

Calhoun

Rec'd 1 M.U.

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Copied J. O. —

R. H. Currey Esq.
Supt. Rem. Cherokees,
Calhoun Tenn:

May 27th 1835.

Sir,

In the examination of the Accounts of Lieut: Harris, it is found that he paid you $94.44, being your expences between this City and the Cherokee Agency, by the way of Golconda Illinois & Cape Girardeau. And you certify on the back of the bill, that you were authorized to return by this route by your Orders & that your expences were to be paid by Government.

There is evidently some misapprehension on your part with regard to your being paid your expences from this city. Such was not by any means my intention, as will appear from a copy of your letter addressed to me whilst you were here or this date and my reply of the 18th of that month. You stated that the Cherokees preferred going by way of Nashville & Golconda & that an examination of the route could be made with a loss of only three or four days. I did not object to the small consumption of your time which, according to your letter appeared to be the only objection to be met; and I added also that I did not object, either, to the trifling expenditure consequent upon this loss of time. You will be paid, therefore, as much as may be

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necessary to cover the expenses to which you were subjected by going out of your way to examine the county, but you cannot be paid for travelling for this City. The bill has been withdrawn from Lt. Harris's accounts and sent to Lt. Bateman. You will make out another exhibiting as clearly as you may be able the extra expense authorized, and pay to that Officer the difference between the two bills, & your receipt will be to Lt Bateman

G.G.

Lt. Bateman

" my letter from Maj. Perry

" — to do

~~to~~ ———

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GEO. GIBSON, COMR. [illegible], OF SUBSISTENCE [illegible] LETTERS WRITTEN (#399--408 INCLUSIVE)

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Capt. Jacob Brown.

P. D. A. Little Rock.

12th Febuary 1835.

Copied by J. W. V.

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Copied by J. H. W.

Emigration of Indians.
Office Comm'r Gen'l of Subs:
February 12th 1835.

To,
Capt. Jacob Brown.
Principal Disb'g Agent.
Little Rock.

Sir:

I deem it necessary to advert to your letter of the 24th December, received by me two or three weeks since — I cannot undertake to judge of Lieut: VanHorne's motives in the course he has taken with regard to the suspension of funds for the payment of the Quapaw presents. Nor can I from the facts before me decide upon another subject of difference between you and that gentleman: I mean his report in obedience to my directions in relation to the then approaching Creek removal &c. As Lieut: VanHorne's course has hitherto been characterized by great efficiency and a very commendable zeal in furtherance of the views of the Government — the most favorable inferences should be drawn in the cases alluded to, and unless there be proof beyond doubt, that he has acted malevolently or exceeded his powers or authority, to the disparagement of those who bear official relations to himself, he should not be condemned.

There is so much importance in a union of

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sentiment and action among the Agents of Indian Emigration, that nothing should for a moment be suffered to create a want of harmony among them. This Office will pursue a fair open and candid course towards its Agents; and it will exert a great deal of forbearance moderation and conciliation, which also it will expect to characterize the course of those officially connected with it: and it will not be slow to discover such deviations from a correct course as, it appears, you apprehend to have taken place in certain acts of Lieut. Van Horne. But in a letter which I have recently received from that gentleman, I understand him to disavow in the most solemn manner having acted towards you with the motives which you have attributed to him, and I must confess that I cannot discover any thing to oppose to his disclaimer.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. G.

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Feb.y 11th 1835

Capt. J. Brown

Pr. D. Agt. &c.

Little Rock

A.T.

Copied by
J.O.

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Copied J. O.

July 11th 1835.

Capt. Jacob Brown,
P. D. A. Genl Indy
Little Rock

Sir, Your letter of the 2d Inst. inclosed the Claim of Mr Joel Wafer for certain services in the Choctaw removal of 1832. I have recently reported on this subject to the Secretary of War, at the instance of the Hon. Representative from Louisiana. It is supposed, that he will communicate with Mr Wafer the mode pointed out by which he may, if his claim be just, establish it.

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Feby. 11th 1895.

To
Lieut. J. A. Stephenson
Dilby Agt. &c.
Fort Towson

Copied by
J. O.

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Lt. J. R. Stephenson
Dist Agt Choctaws
Ft Towson.

Feby 11. 1835.

Sir,

Your accounts for Expenditures for Cattle furnished the Choctaws, have all been examined in this office, viz: 1st 2d, 3d, & 4th Quarters of 1833, and the 1st 2d 3d & 4th Quarters of 1834; and they have all been found Correct: The Balance against you in the 4th Quarter of 1834, of $2,227 84/100 having been credited to you by Capt Brown in his Choctaw account for the same Quarter.

You will please receive my thanks for the very Correct and Satisfactory manner in which you have performed this duty.

G. G.

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furnishes the reason why an addt. appr. for this object has not been asked for

Very truly

Hon Dixon H Lewis

Hopkins

Lewis Cass

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Sen. Hon to

Hon. Dixon H. Lewis

Feby 11. 1835

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Sec. War to

Hon Dixon H. Lewis

Feb 11. 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith
this report which has been called for
by Dixon H. Lewis
Chairman
Committee
of
Claims

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Cass

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Washington
Feb. 11. 1835

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th inst.

I accord with you fully in your sentiments respecting the conduct of the Creek Indians & the necessity of an immediate removal. Every exertion on the power of this Dept has been used to induce them to remove but as yet with little effect. At the last session of Congress the sum of $241.875 was Approp.d for this purpose under the impression that a great portion of them would be induced to go. But in this expectation I have been disappointed And the whole No. who emigrated during the past season did not exceed 1000. It is estimated that there is enough of the Appropriation left to remove 5000 persons & there is no information before the Dept to justify the belief that that No. will be induced to remove during the present year. This state of things

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P. J. Curry Esq.
Supt. Cherokee Rem.
Calhoun Tenn:

Feby 10th 1835.

Sir.

A letter from you under date of the 16th January, addressed to the Commissioner of Indian affairs, has been referred to this office, ~~[illegible]~~ It is understood, that, with regard to the gentlemen named in the letter to which yours is a reply, an entire discretion was intended to be given to you.

I much regret that circumstances, perhaps unavoidable, have placed under your direction persons not entirely adequate to the performance of the duties expected of them. It is contemplated to rearrange the plan of Cherokee emigration, and in carrying out the new plan every care will be taken to combine the utmost ~~[illegible]~~ with the greatest practicable economy. In the mean time you will observe that degree of economy called for in my previous communications.

You say that among all the persons who have been named, no qualified and systematic book Keeper has been in regular service; and that you have employed Geo. W. Currey to reduce the emigration business to a regular system. Be pleased to state to me as soon as you receive this, what is the nature of the duties performed by that gentleman; what books you have found it necessary to keep &c. In the systematizing of this business here, it may be proper to know these facts.

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Feby. 11th 1834

To Capt. J. Brown
Pr. Dist. Agt. &c.
Little Rock
A. T.

Copied by
J. C.

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Copied J. O.

Feby 11th. 1835.

Capt. Saml Brown
Principal Disbg Agt.
Little Rock A.T.

Sir,

I have examined your Account for expenditures ~~[illegible]~~ in connection with the Choctaw cattle business, for the 3d Qr. 1834. The draft paid by you is $524.00, and having at that time money that [illegible] on hand you report this remain as a balance due carried to new account". This new account has not been received; and I perceive that the balance of the cattle fund left in Lt Stephenson's hands after furnishing cattle to the Emigrants of 1832 & 1833 has been turned over to you & that you have carried the whole amount to his Credit in your Choctaw acct for 4th Qr 1834 without making any entry or change of the balance due as above mentioned. No separate account is wanted, the balance due on the cattle account may be placed upon your account for the 4th Qr 1834 as a debit entry.

I have had the account first named examined, and find that you have paid Col Wharton at Rock "Transportation from Little Rock

which will lessen by so much the actual balance due by you to the U. States in that Quarter.

GB.

Note. The credit on your acct of the 4th Qr 1834 of $2227.54 should be $2227.84 for your receipt to Lt Stephenson

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Ken. Laws Cass.

Jan. 10. 1835.

Sup. Ct. U.S.

Mr. Wirt will please refer to Mr. Butler before recurring to

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July 10. 1835.

Hon Levi Woodbury
Secy Treas

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the following statement of persons who have been employed for printing for the City of Washington from 1st January 1834 to the 1st July 1835, and the sums paid them:

Jany Substance — 12

To T. H. Reed for Blanks —	$35.50
T. H. Blair for advertising	217.00
	$252.50

Enquisition of Lots

To W. Reed for Blanks —	$145.00
	$397.50

I have not included in this statement the money paid elsewhere for advertising for bids for paving, under the presumption that it would be contemplated to obtain the expenditure in that city

Respectfully

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Feb: 9th 1835.

To
Lewis Cass.
Sec. War

Copied by
J. O Lewis

Copied I. O. twice.

Feby 9th. 1835

To Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec'y of War

Sir,

I have the honor to report upon that part of the letter of the Hon: Geo. R. Gilmer, acting Chairman addressed to you on behalf of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House of Representatives, which relates to the Indian Emigrating

The object of the Committee is to get from you a plan of removal which may hold out inducements to the whole body of Cherokees to emigrate west of the Mississippi — such plan to be consistent with the obligations of the government and the comfort & interest of the Indians; together with an estimate of the costs of removing those who may, under this plan, be willing to emigrate within the present year. The letter contains the following

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The plan of operations hitherto, as may be seen by the "Regulations concerning the Removal of Indians" and the instructions of this office, has been to send Enrolling Agents into the Indian Country to enrol such as might be willing to remove; and Appraising Agents to appraise the improvements of the emigrants - these two duties have sometimes been performed by the same individual. These agents have generally been employed for some time prior to the time of contemplated removal, at a very heavy expense, and such has been the opposition to the emigration on the part of the Cherokees, that they have met with but limited success in enrolment - ~~out of those enrolled~~ scarcely more than half have been subsequently induced to fulfil the obligation they had entered into. The Cherokees are the only tribe among whom enrolments have been made in this way. The practice with other tribes has been to send the removing agents among them, giving them a few weeks notice, and acting with as much decision and energy and promptitude as might be practicable. For, it has invariably been the case that where from any causes delays have ensued, a partial failure at least has resulted - The Indians have always been found readier to emigrate at the first

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communication of the intentions of the government than afterwards. The influence of their friends who intend to remain permanently in the States, or only for another year, operate with the influence of traders & their own natural indolence to make them wish to remain. The first enrollment in the case just alluded to has been done at the points of rendezvous.

Premising this much in regard to the first steps hitherto taken in the Cherokee emigrations; I will remark further, on the mode of removal. The Cherokees have been presented their choice either to go under the charge of the Agent of the government, or to receive (a commutation in full of all expenses) eighteen dollars a head, and remove themselves in their own way. Those who have gone under the agent, have been brought to the agency at Calhoun Tenn. from their settlements, nine or less remote, wagons being employed to carry their sick & infirm with the baggage. They have then been put on board of flat boats, descended the Hiwassee and Tennessee rivers past the Muscle Shoals, and at Florence taken steamboat.

One successful attempt was made in 1832 to ascend the Arkansaw to the place of destination in a steamboat with Cherokee emigrants; but a similar attempt last year failed, the steamboat grounding (having considerable draught) at distances above Little Rock; and much inconvenience and distress was occasioned by it. The

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The Communitation Indians, frequently fare badly, - are poorly equipped for traveling and suffer much from the long & tedious route, and it is believed from the improvidence in management.

Independently of any action by Congress similar to that now contemplated, it has been determined to recommend a change in the enrolling system; and to pursue another course. The hostility of the influential men has operated to prevent the entire success of the attempts heretofore made, but the interest now felt in the enterprise by many before opposed to it, will enable the government to carry into effect with becoming vigor, any scheme having for its end the fulfilment of the views of the Committee.

The first steps will be to fix upon a route, and this should not be done except with the advice & assistance of some of the prominent Cherokees in favor of removal. Several routs present themselves: One by water as far as a place called Rock Roe on White River within 50 miles of Little Rock, or as far as Memphis on the Mississippi from which place to Little Rock is about 150 miles, another route is from Tennessee to Memphis by land, and thence to Little Rock. And a third route is from the agency by way of Nashville, to Golconda on the Ohio and Cape Girardeau on the Mississippi, thence across the country to the place of destination.

As soon as the route is agreed upon, a proper time for emigration should be fixed, with the concurrence of the individuals before adverted to. This could be promulged in any manner agreeable to the Indians, by a Council or by message or other suitable manner.

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The principal advantage ~~gaining~~ anticipated from ~~the~~ enrolment, was the ~~creation of a degree of certainty as to~~ [illegible] ~~supplying the means of~~ subsistence & transportation. But it has been seen that the desired effect was not produced. According to the mode now recommended, the agent will make Contingent contracts for the means of both subsistence & transportation. And be the number great or small, the contractors will be bound & doubtless ready, as they have been found in other Cases, to comply with their obligations.

This brings me to the Kind of subsistence & transportation. And here I would beg leave to suggest a modification of the rule hitherto observed. For the land travel I would recommend a ~~four~~ horse for every twenty or twenty five individuals, and the privilege of as much baggage as might be agreed upon by those assigned to each wagon, not to exceed a proper loading.* The ration I would also change, by the substitution of well baked wheat bread & biscuit wherever preferred to the Corn; and an issue of rice or other vegetable substances in addition. The meat ration is deemed sufficient. Tea & Coffee should also, it is thought, be issued to the sick & infirm; and other hospital stores abundantly provided.

* Most of the indians would thus be enabled to ride at times, if not all the time. For, many of them owning horses, the actual number dependent upon the wagons for personal transportation, would not perhaps exceed two thirds the number limited.

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The subsistence for the year has been furnished in complete ration, or a commutation, in part or altogether, of live stock, generally Cows and Calves. It is believed that the Cherokees, being more advanced in Civilization than most of the tribes, should with regard to their subsistence west, be treated differently, and that the rule pursued, although accommodated as far as the Regulations would permit to their condition, may be somewhat changed. Most of them are possessed of some property, and none on their arrival west absolutely in need of the means of obtaining the necessaries of life. Therefore the reasons for partial issues do not exist in such force, if at all, with them as they doubtless do with respect to other tribes. It is suggested that the objects of the Committee might be furthered by offering to the Indians live stock in lieu of the year's provisions, live stock to be furnished all at one time, as soon as possible after their reaching their destination. This stock to be procured from the neighboring districts of Country on contract, and to consist of Cows & Calves, steers, sheep & hogs. A family of six persons would then be entitled, it is supposed, to the following, 3 Cows & Calves, 4 steers 6 breeding hogs, & 6 sheep; an ample supply for all their immediate wants, so that their means arising out of this relinquished improvements or from any other source, could be applied to building their houses & clearing their farms.

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An incentive to emigration might be found in changing the mode of executing one of the stipulations contained in the 8th. Article of the Treaty of the 6th May 1828. It is agreed in that article to give to each head of a Cherokee family, on enrolling himself for emigration, a rifle, blanket, kettle & keg of tobacco; and to each member of his family a blanket, and a just compensation for the property he may abandon.

Owing to the uncertainty created by the causes which have operated to retard emigration, these stipulations have not been fulfilled as promptly as would be desirable. Nor, it is believed, would it be desirable to fulfil them to the letter. For instance: It would not be politic to furnish the articles named above, on enrollment for a prospective emigration, particularly when the enrolment was felt to be binding by only a small number of those incurring its obligations. To what extent a change should be made is doubtful. The blankets, tobacco and compensation for property might, without inconvenience to the government or danger of encumbering the recipients, be furnished at the agency, on the eve of departure; while the rifles & kettles could be procured for instant issue on the arrival at Fort Gibson of those entitled to them. The emigrants from Georgia may be paid promptly by the Disbursing Agent west their gratuity of ten dollars each, under the same article.

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The encouragement to emigration so far as depends upon presents, is not so great as that ~~heretofore~~ to the Choctaws and some other tribes. The Choctaws have been furnished a loom for about every dozen families, a spinning wheel ~~for every three families, with~~ a plough for ~~about~~ every three families with a large number of axes, hoes & cotton & wool cards, and ~~and~~ blacksmiths ~~have~~ to be supported for a long period. Besides all this the obligations which the U. States have incurred ~~on light lands~~ for education are highly liberal, and under a proper administration of the funds annually to be appropriated, must result in most accumulating benefits. It is believed that a powerful influence might be exercised with the Cherokees, if they were assured of the favors of the Government in their new Country, to somewhat the extent above described.

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The expenses incident to such a plan of removal may be estimated as follows:

The Water route to Memphis & thence by land twenty two dollars a head
The land route by way of Memphis twenty four dollars a head
The land route by way of Nashville Cape Girardeau, Twenty eight dollars a head

These can only be considered as approximations to the truth, for the routs last mentioned have never been travelled. But it is my wish speedily to have both the land routs accurately examined.

The contingent expenditures of the Cherokee emigration have been rendered considerable compared with the number of emigrants, in consequence of the causes already alluded to, & Superintendent Ainsworth & Disbursing Agent have both been nearly all the time present at the Cherokee agency, for three years past, unceasingly employed in endeavors favorably to affect the inclining towards emigration, and to transport those who in the intervals between the two large removals, have been willing to go. The emigration of a small number will therefore add to the above estimate, whilst a large emigration might reduce the average cost somewhat.

I transmit with this an estimate for the present year, based on the above calculations, and supposing that there may be one thousand five hundred emigrants. And I add an amount sufficient to cover all the stipulations before alluded to, except for relinquished improvements, the amount of which can only be ascertained from actual valuations, and the payment of which promptly would need an appropriation of [illegible]

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Copied J. O.

Feby 7th 1835.

Hon. J. H. Crane
House Reps.

Sir,

I have recd yours of the 4th Inst enclosing Mr. O'Fenaci's letter to me respecting his claim arising out of rations delivered under contract, but not received by the Agent of Indian Emigration; & I cannot accede to Mr. O Fenaci's views. In my letter to you of the 26th Sept. I offer him 3 Cents per ration for the rations not delivered, which he would have got but if they had been delivered. It is a trifling business in amount, but I cannot see how I can consistently make the additional allowance he claims, to wit an amount for services & labour almost equal to that allowed for the rations.

I am satisfied there is no view of the matter which would justify this. Besides it must be recollected that the Auditor & Comptroller have to pass on the accounts of the Agents of this Office — I should not be able, before satisfying them of the correctness of this procedure

G.G.

Copies G.O.

Feby 7. 1838

Lt. L.R. Stephenson

Dpty Asst Choctaws

Fort Towson

Sir,

I have rec'd. a letter from you dated the 21st December last two dated the 4th January. The first enclosed "a list of Choctaw ~~claimants~~ claimants for cattle which they say they turned over to Government on the Mississippi, and were to be replaced by others after their emigration" with sundry other papers connected therewith. This letter came to hand on the 23d January. I have not yet been able to have the papers examined and the claims investigated. There will be some difficulty in it growing out of the very imperfect manner in which the several cattle agents have rendered their returns. As soon as the great pressure which now affects the duties of Indian Emigration in this office relaxes, I will be instructed what to say to the Claimants.

Yrs

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Your letter of the 2d Jany. enclosed your various Accounts & Returns for the 4th Quarter of 1834, with the Cattle Rolls upon which Claimants under the Emigration of 1832 & 1833 were paid by you. These rolls & the Contracts should be examined in Connection with your Series of Quarterly Cattle Accounts Expenditures for Cattle

Tel.

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I will take this opportunity of saying, that it is most seriously my desire that the Agents of Indian Emigration should, at all times and under all circumstances, preserve towards each other and in reference to those not officially connected with them, the most conciliatory course. If there is any thing likely to be productive of misunderstanding, let instant explanations be made, and that collisions may not spring up which, between Agents especially, are calculated more than any thing else, seriously to affect the Service.

G. G.

Copy.

Lieut. Col. M. Arbuckle
Sub. Agt. Choctaw Nation
Fort Coffee

February 12. 1834.

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I will take this opportunity of saying, that it is most anxiously my desire that the Agents of Indian Emigration should, at all times and under all circumstances, preserve towards each other and in reference to those not officially connected with them, the most conciliatory course. If there is any thing likely to be productive of misunderstanding, let instant explanations be made, and that collisions may not spring up which, between Agents especially, are calculated more than any thing else, injuriously to affect the Service.

G. B.

1839.

Send. to Commissioner
U. S. Emigration Ind. Tribes
February 12. 1839.

Copied by [illegible]

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copied by O.H.C.

Lt. J. Van Horne
Dist. Agt Choctaws
Fort Gibson

Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. Subsistence
Feb. 12. 1835

Sir.

Your letter of 25th November
is received in course that Capt. Brown has taken in the subject of your report
to me of the 7th Oct: of which you furnished him a copy, is received. I frankly
say that I saw nothing in that report, which has not been decided by me.
My opinion in regard to the whole matter may be found in my letter to you
of the 27 December, of which a copy was also sent to Capt. Brown. It is
extremely disagreeable that officers engaged in the same service, should labor
under any misapprehension as to ~~their~~ another's course. I doubt not however
that the source of misunderstanding, has on the part of Capt. Brown, been
ascertained, and that the officer is perfectly satisfied of the correctness
of your motives, and that your intentions were fair and honorable.

Capt. Brown has also intimated dissatisfaction at your recommendation
to have the Funds for the payment for Dreadful Presents deposited
with you. A disclaimer of any improper motive will most assuredly
be sufficient to shew him that his suspicions are without foundation.

~~My views on the subject are very fully expressed in my letter~~
~~of that date to Capt. Brown of which I send you a copy.~~

over

~~Respectfully~~
~~Your Obt. Svt.~~

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Feb.y 12th 1835.

To Mr. J. W. Byron

Columbus

Miss.pi

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Note J. W. Byrn
Columbus Miss:

July 12. 1835.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 7th January. You complain that having fulfilled the duties of your appointment as Agent for the appraisement & sale of Choctaw Cattle, a Year since, you have not yet received compensation for your services.

It is proper to state that there is no disposition here to do you full justice. But the fact must be stated that, however well the business of appraising and selling may have been done by you, there has been much confusion in the business growing out of the fact that regular returns of appraisement and sale have not been made. Mr Armstrong Esq has rendered some papers of the Appraisement of 1832 & 1833 but they are by no means complete. As they go, they are I believe correct, but I have before me a number of claims of which his returns take no notice, and having never received a return direct from you, I am much at a loss how to decide upon them.

~~Send you a list of~~

The following named persons claim cattle, but present no certificates, viz Adam Nail; Noah Chuctubbee; Duncan McCurtain; Benj James; Matthew McLaughlin; Andrew Kincaid.

I have a claim of Charles Wilson signed by you (and dated 29 Oct 1832) and of which you note that you have sent "a certificate to Mr Armstrong" but that gentleman has not noticed it upon the returns furnished by him.

Another claim in favor of Nicholas Tuck, signed by Lt W. B. Montgomery.

(signed by A H Somerville & W.S. Colquhoun)

There is also an Appraisement Return (abstract) the names of his Electors, a copy of which I send you. On this return Joel Nail is put down as five head of cattle, and he claims, on a certificate signed by the you, but written out by Mr Colquhoun, ninety head; thirty of which were sold, for the appraisement price perhaps, and perhaps for more. Whatever they sold for, you should have returned, as you are of course accountable for the amount. A copy of the certificate is herewith.

The mode in which this Appraisement business was done, was certainly very irregular. Whatever you recollect concerning it you will please inform me of, and you will be particular to examine the papers (names) now sent to you. Should you have any papers or memorandums calculated to elucidate the matter please to forward them.

As soon after the receipt of information from you as may be practicable, your accounts shall be closed. You will readily see from the above that this was not so readily effected as might have been imagined.

GG

Send Appraisement Ret. & Certif

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To Hon:
Lewis Cass.
Sec War

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Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec'y of War

Copied G. O

Feby 12 1835

Sir,

On so much of Lt Rains' letter to you of the 12th Jany ulto. as relates to the reasons for his being relieved from duty as Disbursing Agent, I will remark, that this was done, on the representations of Majr W. Armstrong & Capt. Brown made to you personally, of his insubordination, his inattention to his duties, his dislike of the undertaking to have + for some other reasons. I was not present at the interview which these gentlemen held with you, but the fact was communicated to me, and is now fresh in the recollection of Majr Hook who was present.

G G

This was stricken out by Lt. G. either originally with by his direction. He was not personally acquainted with the reasons influencing the Sec'y of War, — it was sufficient that the Removal Agent, Lt Rains did not agree.

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Hon Lewis Cass
Secy War

Feby 19. 1835

Please to have to State Dept

The following Accts have been paid by me for Blank books, Stationery &c between the 1st Jany 1834 & 17th Feby 1835.

Army Subs. To Geo T Sullivan — Binding 35 Blank books @ $2 per day $70

Ind Engr — To Amos Stickney — Books Stationery &c 123.87
including the binding of blanks for transmission to Agents — $193.87

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Feb: 13th 1835

To

Wm B. Lewis Esq

2nd Audr Treasy

Copied J. A.

Feby 13. 1835—

Mr. J. Lewis Esq.
2d Auditor Treas.

Sir,

In reply to your of yesterday I will state that on the 20th Nov. ult. I instructed Capt Jno. Page Disbursing agent &c in the Creek Removal to examine the public property in the hands of Mr Gayne. I told Capt. Page that I had not been informed of what that property consisted, that I expected to be able to forward him a list in a few days. This I was induced to believe I could get from Mr. Stewart, from whom I have not yet obtained it. On Capt. Page's return to the Creek nation he will have more time to attend to this matter, which he will investigate to as great extent desirable. I enclose you an extract from a letter recently received from him with a copy of Mr Gayne's bill of storage.

Enclosure referred to in letter of Capt Page to the Secretary of War

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Capt. Jacob Brown,
P.M.G. Little Rock
Feby. 14. 1835.

Copied by J.H.W.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of the following letters from you of Nov 10th; 27th, 28th, 30th; Dec 1st, 6th; two of 10th, 12th, 22d. 23. and seven of the 31st. Several of these containing matter requiring immediate notice, have been attended to; it will only be necessary at present to say further: That, upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer, Lt. Stephenson on duty, after his promotion meets with my Cordial approval; and that I appreciate very highly the worth of that officer, who for system, exactness and promptitude has scarcely any superior. I cannot say at this time what location I shall give him, but most probably the Creek country. The Creeks will be very numerous, he has been accustomed to gaining to large bodies, and will therefore labor under no difficulties on that score.

Your account for expenditures for the Cherokees, subsequent to the departure of Lt Harris, will be examined soon, and reported upon at the same time with that gentleman's accounts. Your views in the disposition of the pork are approved. It will be well to dispose of the remainder as soon as may be practicable without sacrificing it.

You have been advised that Capt Page would turn over to you some Choctaw Creek funds.

The balancing your Choctaw estimate will be transmitted soon, but it cannot with convenience now. It will perhaps reach you by the last of March.

I return you at your request the contracts made with Flournoy and Ballard. I presume according these two [illegible]

GG.

Choctaw Contracts

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Lieut. J. R. Stephenson
Disbg Agent Choctaws
Fort Towson

Febry 14. 1833.

Copied by J.B.W.

This man may perhaps have been paid by another name or through another person.

Charles Wilson's ~~claim~~ certificate is signed by J. W. Bryan. Mr B. says he sent a regular certificate to Wm Armstrong. If Mr Armstrong had got it he would surely have ~~sent~~ returned it to him returned it (Mr A. sended the Returns for Mr B).

I have written to Mr Bryan about all these cases. As soon as I can get any satisfactory information I will instruct you re the subject.

All the papers are placed on file in this Office

J. G.

Copied by W.W.

Feby 14. 1835

Dr. J. R. Stephenson
Subagt Choctaws
Fort Towson

Sir,

I have rec'd. your of December 31st inclosing a list of Choctaw claimants for Cattle, and some certificates with an Appraisement Return.

I have had a duplicate of the Appraisement Return for some time, but no certificates accompanied it, and I could not therefore recognize it as correct. I have written to Mr Byrn who was Appraiser at the time, to get an explanation of some information as I should like before I decide on these Cases.

The claim of Mrs J. Price cannot be paid. If Mr Price was a teamster as I suppose he was, he was employed on wages, and not with a guarantee from all loss. If the Department Contemplated such claims, I have no doubt that it would be delayed with them.

Benjamin James cannot be paid unless he furnish a regular certificate. There is none on the return.

Noe-is-to also has Dr Montgomery's Certificate

417.

Wm. Gordon Esq.
St. Louis, Mo.
1st Feb. 1835.

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Copied by Law

Wm Gordon Esq.
St. Louis Mo.

Feby 16. 1835—

Sir

I have received yours of the 28th. January enclosing certain papers, substituted for others in your account of expenditures in the removal of Potawatomies. These have been examined ~~in~~ in this Office and are found correct. They will be submitted to the 2d Auditor for final adjustment; by whom, however, it is believed they will not be taken up for some time, in consequence of other business, pressing on him, which cannot be postponed.

G.L.

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Wm. B. Lewis Esq.
2d Auditor Treasury.

February 16. 1835.

Copied by J.S.W.

copied by clerk

Wm B Lewis Esq
2d Aud Treasury

Feby 16. 1835

Sir,

Herewith I transmit to you for the 2d & 3d Qrs 1834, the accounts of Wm Gadau, late Assistant & Disbursing agent in the Removal of Ottawatamies, The expenditures therein accounted for have been carefully examined and are approved by me. ~~Also letters from~~ You will also find herewith his Pay Rolls & Returns, with my instructions to him, and a copy of ~~his letter~~ his letter explanatory of his mode of procedure.

G.G.

419.

Lieut: W. Seawell,
U. S. A. Fort Gibson.
February 16. 1835.

Copied by S.H.W.J.

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Copied by J.H.C.

Lt. W. Seawell
U.S.A
Fort Gibson,

July 16. 1835

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th November was received by me ~~about~~ some weeks ago, and has not hitherto been replied to, in consequence of a belief that I should speedily be able to arrange your accounts for settlement, and ~~that to you should further~~ might be wanting, in order to their being finally closed. But the great increase of business attendant upon this Session of Congress, has thus far prevented my doing this. I shall as soon as practicable after the ~~close~~ termination of the Session, ~~have the accounts~~ examined and inform you of the result.

It is proper for me to say, that your explanation of the ~~reasons for~~ circumstances connected with you being relieved by Lt Vanclave appears satisfactory.

G.G.

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The President

to

The Chiefs & Warriors

of the Seminole Indians

16th February 1835.

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To the Chiefs & Warriors of the Seminole Indians in Florida.

My children

I am sorry to hear & have heard that you have been listening to bad councils. You know me you know that I would not deceive you nor advise you to do anything that was unjust or injurious. Give ears & attend to what I shall now say to you. They are the words of a friend & the words of truth.

The white people are settling around you. The game has disappeared from yr country. Yr people are poor & hungry. Ah this you have perceived for some time. And nearly 3 years ago, you made an Agreement with yr friend Col. Zachary Taylor on the part of the U. S. by which you agreed to cede yr lands in Florida & remove & join yr brothers the Creeks in the Country West of the Miss. You annexed a condition to this

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agreement that certain Chiefs named therein
in whom you placed confidence should
proceed to the Western Country & examine
whether it was suitable to your wants & habits
& whether the Creeks residing there were
willing to permit you to reside with them
as one people. And if the persons thus sent
were satisfied on these heads, then the
agreement made with Col. Hawkins was
to be in full force.

In conformity with these
provisions the Chiefs named by your Proceeded
to that Country & having examined it & having
become satisfied respecting its character
& the favorable disposition of the Creeks they
entered into an Agreement with Comm[issioner]s on the
part of the U.S, by which they signified their
satisfaction on these subjects & finally ratified
the agreement you made with Col. Hawkins.

I now learn that you refuse
to carry into effect the solemn promises

has made by you, and that you have stated to the Officers of the U.S. that among you that you will not remove to the Western country.

My Children

I have never deceived nor will I ever deceive any of the red people. I tell you that you must go & that you will go. Even if you had a right to stay how could you live where you now are? You have sold all y^r country. You have not a piece as large as a blanket to sit down upon. What is to support yourselves y^r women & children? The track you have ceded will soon be surveyed & sold & immediately afterwards will be occupied by a white population. You will soon be in a state of starvation. You will commit depredations upon the property of our citizens. You will be arrested, punished, perhaps killed. Now is it not better peaceably to remove to a fine fertile country occupied by your own Kindred when you can raise all the

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necessaries of life to which your name is yet
abundant. The annuities payable to you
& the other stipulations made in your favour
both make your situation comfortable &
will enable you to meet any improved.
Situation you had a right to lay by when
you now are which every true friend would
advise you to remove. But you have no
right to stay and you must go. I am
very desirous that you should go peaceably
& voluntarily. You shall be comfortably
taken care of & kindly treated on the road
and when you arrive in your own country
provisions will be issued to you for a year
so that you can have ample time to
provide for your future support.

But should you
resist should forcibly oppose the arrangements
for removal I have ordered a large Body
of men who are sent among you. I have studied
to Comply Offer Likewise the Chiefs your friends and

Genl Thompson that every reasonable
indulgence be held out to you. But I have
also directed that if you people as provided
for in the treaty be removed during
the present season. If you listen to the voice
of friendship & truth you will go quietly
& voluntarily. But should you listen to the
bad birds that are always flying about
you & I have ordered the Comd[g] Officer
to remove you by force. This will be done.
I pray the Great Spirit to direct you
& touch your heart so that you may do what is right.

Your friend
A. Jackson

Washington 16 Feby 1835

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Aboard Delaware
Feby 16th 1835

Sir

Your letter of 22nd ultimo the 24th January has been received and I have noted its contents. Before entering upon the duties connected with the removal of the Seminole Indians of Florida

It is my duty to state to you that the Seminoles already the Peaceable occupation of Seminole Country adjoining the Creek Country which they have agreed to remove to and that they have commenced emigrating. That one third of the people have removed and that another third will remove during the ensuing year. It is much regret that the councils have not been able to accomplish their removal. But it is impossible to guard against any mischief they may be disposed to perpetrate hereafter. I fully appreciate the consequences which you rightly predict will happen from a foreign

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attempts on the part of remonstrance. And to legally effect Portugal after they entered into treaty stipulations they should be declared unconditionally. The whole subject should therefore be explained to them and every proper inducement held out for their co-operation with Brazil. Let them be reasoned with, persuaded and if possible convinced. But they must be told plainly and distinctly the consequences. And then if persevering in active force be employed and this removed effected. It will be remembered by the secretary of Treaty of Sept 8 1832 that ~~no third~~ to evacuate the occupation was to commence on 1835. This was rendered impracticable by the circumstance annexed to the treaty that a delegation of Portuguese should be sent to the country with Don Miguel and bring their acceptance of it. This was not done in time to prevent the retrospection of the Treaty upon the Lord Aberdeen of Portugal and Lower Canada. This Department is necessary to make certain arrangements

with the Dons for this removal.

The Pistons to be paid rendered as
herein directed on the 1st and 15th days
of the Big Arrows and after the Peaceful
Portion of the County delivered.

A additional Companies have been
ordered to join you and this force will be
employed in the Protection of the Court and
on the removal of the Dons. The Report
of the Conduct of a removal will be communicated
to Gen Thompson the rate specific instructions for his conduct, and
who will be required only to communicate with him
and Shown to request that in all matters
connected with this duty each Officer will give
to Gen Thompson the earliest information

Copy of the instructions to him will be
transmitted to you at the time they are
received.

I enclose also a copy of a
Message from the Pres of the Dons
You will be pleased in conjunction with
Gen Thompson to summon the Principal
Dons of this County and to communicate to
them this Message. And Thompson requested
for all you can the needful assistance

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Yours

Private Brig Genl Colonish
N Jany
Fort Key.
Florida

821.

The Secretary of War
&c &c &c

Ennals Colonish Ala.
16th February 1835.

note is.

The readyness & willingness with which you
Government
Consent with be communicated through the
Proper Officer. The

The whole matter rests on
Federation upon my motive and character.
Can the Public rely upon my reports & opinions
that upon the conviction of the Honesty and
Uprightness of my intentions. Act with the
As much Melody and forbearance necessary
for ~~Compliance~~ with the usual Usages.

Yours

Present Brig Gen Gaines
Comdg
Fort Key.
Florida

B21.
The Secretary of War
&
Surgeon Gen. U.S.A.
16th February 1835.

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War Dept
Feby 18. 1835

Sir

You are hereby appt principal Agt for the removal of the Seminole Indians under the provisions of the several treaties providing for their removal to the country W. of the Miss.

You will receive for the Subor Off. & detailed instructions for your conduct and respect & compensation. Your object in this communication is to convey to you the great views of the Pres. in relation to the course to be pursued towards these Indians. The letters herewith rec. for you as well as a more recent communication from Gen Clinch, render it doubtful whether the Seminole Nation intend to comply with the stipulations for their removal. Gen Clinch expresses himself decidedly that they will not go unless a respectable force be employed to that it is very probable that

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Such a force would have to be already used
in effecting the object. Independently of the
disastrous consequences that must ensue
to themselves from their attempt to a permanent
residence where they now are, Genl Clinch
anticipates that such an attempt would
involve the neighbouring region in war, as
well with them Indians as with the runaway
Negroes among them and with others who
might join them. Under these circumstances,
the President has deemed it indispensably that
they should be reinforced. Orders
have been given for 4 more Compys to join
Genl Clinch, making the force under him
Off 10 Companies. It is the confident
expectation that the appearance & proper
distribution of this force, together with
firmness & discreet conduct on the part
of yourself & Genl Clinch, will induce
these deluded people to comply with the

their own positions stipulations. Send them
copies of the letter addressed to Genl Clinch together the message
of the Pres. to the Inds transmitted with it.—
Altho' ye own duties relate to the necessary
intercourse with the Inds to settle the business
connected with their removal to them on
Red River to the com.r of the Mil. Forces
& to their proper employment for the protection
of the country & for carrying into effect the
instructions given him, & the public interests
requires that there should be a free and
unreserved communication between yourself
& that Office. You will therefore disclose
to him fully all yr proceedings & advise
with him as to the conduct to be pursued.
The first object will be to convene the Inds
& to read to them the message of the Pres.t
You will then explain to them fully the stipulations
they have entered into & what is expected
of them, & you will announce to them the
final determination of the Pres.t that they
must remove. In addition to this you will use

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all of influences, as each in public councils as in private interviews, to induce them to comply with the treaties. It is exceedingly desirable that they should go voluntarily. The Pres.t is very reluctant to employ any force in effecting this object but it must be only done in the last resort when all other means fail. 1/3 of their funds is to be removed during the present season agreeably to the stipulations of the treaty, & that the proportion of their corps is provided for in the treaty. The part of them will be first removed.

Very &c

Gen.l Wiley Thompson
Seminole Agency
E. Florida

The Secretary of War
Gen.l Wiley Thompson
18 February 1833.

all of influences, as such in public councils as in private interviews, to induce them to comply with the treaties. It is exceedingly desirable that they should go voluntarily The Pres.t is very reluctant to employ any force in effecting this object but must be only done in the last resort when all other means fail. 1/3 of these Inds is to be removed during the present season agreeably to the stipulations of the treaty & that the proportion first to go is provided for in the treaty. Some part of them will be first removed

Very &c

Gen.l Wiley Thompson
Seminole Agency
E. Florida

No 22
Sec.y of War
to
Gen.l Wiley Thompson
Feb.y 1833.
18 Feb.y 1833.

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~~No.~~ 423

Feb. 17th 1835.

To Lt. J.R. Stephenson
Disbs. Agt. Choctaw
Fort Towson

copied G. O.

Lt. J. R. Stephenson

Dispatch Clauctaus.

Fort Inscne

L. Standyan a copy of a receipt for an voucher No 6 of 4th Quarter 1834, which should be received by you. Return to forward the with one signed — A new voucher is not required.

G.G

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Capt: Jacob Brown,
P. D. A. Little Rock.
17th February 1835.

Copied by S. H. W.

copied by clerk

Feby 17. 1835.

Capt Jacob Brown
Pa. Dept Asst Ind. Rent.
Little Rock A.T.

Sir, Your letter of the 6th December covered a letter from Majr F.W. Armstrong in relation to a claim of Mr. Alex. E. Rose, for a small quantity of provisions & forage furnished by him to G.B. Lincecum in Feby 1833. As it appears that Mr Lincecum was then an agent, and also employed about that time on separate service, I should have no objection to your paying it. You will examine to satisfy yourself that it is not in any degree the same charge as that contained in Mr. Rose's No 7. Abst Transp. 2d qr 1833 pyms accounts. I return you all the papers

(Enclose his entire papers)

Hon. E. A. Hannegan
Feby 17th 1835.

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~~No 23~~

Secy of War

To Maj: E. A. Hannegan

R. Boon Letters

Feby 17. 1835

John B. Adamson Receipts

Feby 17th 1835.

ED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

War Department
Feby 19th 1835.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 16th inst in favor of Lieut Simonton, I have the honor to inform you that he shall be appointed Aid de Camp with the rank of Major from the date of the removal of the Pottawatomie Indians & of Lieut Lowry from the date of his appointment.

Very Respy
Your obt Servt
Lewis Cass

Hon Edward A Hannegan
Rathiff Boone
Genl Kinnard
Calvin Carr
Isaac McCoy.

Indian - Emigration

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Feb: 19th 1835

Wm B. Lewis Esq:

2nd Audr

Treasy. Dept

Copied J. O.

W. B. Lewis Esqr.
2d. Auditr Treasy Dpt

Feby 19th. 1835.

Sir,

I transmit you a bill of Mr. Augustine Kennerly late Sub Agent to the Cherokees, for compensation whilst acting in that capacity, for performing the extra service of issuing provisions to the Seneca from Sandusky and the Shawanees from Zanesville, during a period of six months and five days (viz from the 7th of Nov. 1832 to the 12th May 1833) for which he charges at the rate of thirty dollars per months, $184-93. Included in Mr K's bill is an item for compensation to J. Doubleman, for services between the 1st June & 12th May 1833, twenty two days at one dollar a day, which is supported by Mr. O's bill.

The allowance Mr. Kennerly claims is the same as that made to Major Cummins for attending to the Cherokees of the Arkansas & Ottowas. It is believed to be fair, and consistent with the proviso to the act of 31 March 1832. I therefore request the whole amount of the bill, $206.93/100 may be transmitted to Mr Kennerly in a draft on St Louis, out of the following appropriation: For expenses of removing and subsisting Cherokees, Creeks, Chickasaws & Choctaws, &c. (for expense of removal of 800 Indians &c) per act approved 2d. March 1833.

GLG.

Feby. 19th 1835

To Genl. Wm Clark

Supt Indn Affairs

St Louis

Mo

Copied G. O.

Gen. Wm. Clark
Supt. Ind. Affairs
St. Louis.

Febry 19th 1835.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th. December 1834, enclosing Mr. Augustin Kennaly's letter ~~claiming~~ and ~~account~~ bill for services in effecting the Senecas &c was duly received. I have concluded to allow it upon the ground on which Major Cumming was paid.

~~I~~ It gives me pleasure to render an act of justice to any one with whom I have official connections; I have not therefore hesitated to admit Mr Kennedy's claim ~~before~~ heretofore, because of any desire to procrastinate payment, or through any unnecessary tenacity as to form; but solely on account of its being opposed to ~~the~~ an act of Congress, ~~and~~ the proviso to the act of 31 March 1833, and to a rule laid down by the Secretary of War for governing ~~the~~ such cases. Mr. Kennedy doubtless thinks ~~that~~ his claim was good for more than he is now allowed, but in reducing it ~~from~~ which he has done voluntarily - to its present amount, he has, I have no doubt, been influenced by the effort I have ~~been~~ made, to show, what ~~was~~ might be ~~a~~ consistent in his case ~~with~~ other precedents ~~before~~ acted on.

The Second Auditor will transmit the amount, viz: $206 93/100 to Mr Kennedy at Saint Louis

Lby.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Febry. 19th 1835.

Mr. Aug: Kennerly

St Louis

Mo

Copied J. C.

Feby 19. 1835.

Mr. Augustus Kennerly
St Louis Mo.

Sir, I received your letter of the 13th Inst. enclosed with your bill for services & the papers connected therewith, and in a letter from Governor Clark of the 17th of that month. The bill is admitted, and will be paid by the Second Auditor of the Treasury. The grounds of my action will be made [illegible] letter dated to Gov. Clark.

G.G.

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Feb: 20th 1835

Benj. F. Currey. Esq.
Supt. Cherokee Agency
Calhoun
Tenn:

enclosure

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The Indians who have returned east of the Mississippis, ought not again to be transported west at the expence of the government; and they ought, in justice, to be compelled unless they again go west at their own expence, to refund what they have already caused the Government to expend. But it will not be politic in the present state of affairs to take any steps in this business. You will bear in mind, however, in your future operations to note those [redacted] proceedings towards them as may [redacted] course of hostility. It is indeed the desire of the Secretary of War that nothing should occur now or hereafter to mar the prospects of success, which have recently begun to develope themselves.

As soon as you receive this your attention will be drawn to the roll, and [redacted] You will peruse one of any facts in Connection with the subject, and will forward to "H. Van Hamm, Dy Q.M. Fort Gibson" such information as this paper hereinafter call for.

A new scheme of removal is in contemplation — of the results of which you shall speedily be informed.

G.G.

Enclosure
Extracted from Gibson
+ two leaves

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Feb: 20th 1835

Hon: Lewis Cass.

Secy War

Hon: Lewis Cass,
Secy War.

Copied J. O.

Feby 20th 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that five thousand dollars out of appropriation for removal & subsistence of Choctaws, per act making appropriations for Indian Annuities approved 30th June 1834, may be remitted to Lieut M. W. Bateman, Disbursing Agent, Calhoun Tenn: for which sum he will be accountable

G. G.

$5,000=

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Copied J. C.

Feby 20. 1835.

B. F. Curry Esq
Supt. Cherokee emd
Calhoun Tenn:

Sir,

I enclose extracts from a letter of Lt. VanHorne, Disbursing Agt. for the Western Creeks, with a "list of Cherokee emigrants not on any roll, who arrived principally last Spring & summer", and "a list of Cherokee emigrants of former years who have lately returned each of the Mississippi"

You will perceive that Lt. VanHorne has been much embarrassed for want of rolls. There should have been punctually forwarded at the time each party of emigrants started west, for my instructions have been to pay only in accordance with the muster rolls. One of the lists will show you those of the late emigrants not found on any roll. The remarks of Lt. Harris, in red ink, show that nearly all those persons are found on his accounts. It seems that they are persons who have been paid commutation of transportation subsequently to the large emigration of last year.

The other list is important inasmuch as it may serve to caution you against imposition. It appears from that list that about one hundred individuals of former emigrations have returned; and from a statement in the extracts from Lieut VH's letter, that a number of the late emigrants have also returned to the east of the Mississippi. He adds, "many others talk of returning".

Yr. Obdt Svt

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Feb: 20th 1835.

To St. M. W Bateman
Dicky Agt. Cherokees
Calhoun
Tenn.

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Copied J. O.

Lt. M. W. Bateman
Asst Agt Cherokees
Calhoun Ten

Feby 20th. 1835.

Sir,

I informed you on the 3d Inst. that a deposit of five thousand dollars would speedily be made to your credit. ~~This has been directed to be done, and the~~ ~~transfer is~~ ~~be made at the earliest~~ ~~in the Union Bank at Nashville.~~ ~~Arrangements have been made with the Branches of the Union Bank~~ at Knoxville or with the branches of the Planters Bank at Athens, no public deposits can be made in either. I have therefore requested that a draft be sent to you on the Union Bk Nashville which you can deposit at Knoxville or Athens, whichever as the public service would be most benefitted by your having your funds within your reach at all times.

I am now waiting the action of Congress upon some measures respecting the Cherokees, - as soon as the adjournment takes place you shall receive specific instructions as to various branches of your duty.

You will keep me advised of all matters of interest connected with the Cherokee emigration.

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AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Feb: 20th 1835.

Majr. Genl. A. Macomb

Comdg. U. S. Army

Washington

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Copied J. O.

July 20. 1835

Maj. Gen. D. Macomb
Commg. U. S. Army
Washington

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Lieut. J. W. Harris, of the 3d Artillery be directed to report for the purpose for duty in the Emigration of Indians.

Gly.

Feby 20th. 1835.

Lt. J. Van Horne
Disbg Agt Cherokees &c West
Fort Gibson A.T.

Sir,

I have, as far as I have yet found it practicable, investigated the various matters contained in yours of the 10th November ultimo. I can perfectly well appreciate the difficulty & attendant upon a proper management of the duties incident to your disbursing agency among the Cherokees, resulting as this difficulty does from the imperfections of the rolls, which being the only basis of entire truth and certainty, should be extremely accurate. I have relied upon the superintendent's sending correct rolls of the emigrants, and have again instructed him to do so. He will write to you about several of the points mentioned by you. And I have sent him copies of the two lists of recent emigrants not found on any roll, and of the former emigrants who have left the west for the old Cherokee country.

I have considered it proper to give you the results of my examinations; perhaps Maja Currey's account will confirm their correctness. You will find herewith a copy of two rolls of last year's emigrants: one is Lt. Harris's of the emigrants conducted by him in person; the other is the Commutation Roll. To the latter you will refer for an addition, which comprises the emigrants who enrolled after Lt Harris's departure from the old nation & subsequent to his return thereto.

You refer to my decision in the cases of Benjamin Cooper and Thompson Gingard, heads of families consisting of eighteen persons, whose names appear to have been found by you on an old roll of 1832, and are there marked "found to". As these people declare they never were in the country before, you should get some evidence as to the fact from those who knew them; perhaps the Agent can tell you whether they have been there before. On reference to a roll of Maja Currey, Dept. of the Cherokee removal, I find the names of the individuals above mentioned, and they are marked by him "not gone". The case of George or George W. Freeman, who has likewise been found by the old roll of 1832, I have investigated, and find his name referred to in my report on Major Currey's roll of "not gone" also marked.* Without something more conclusive within your reach, I should deem the mark of not gone, in reference to the removal of 1832, perfectly satisfactory.

I cannot decide upon James B. Henson's case. You will refuse him rations until you learn from Maja Currey something about him and his family. If they are whites they must not under any circumstances be subsisted any further.

Your course in not issuing [redacted] and the year's provisions to such of the emigrants as take [illegible] is strictly approved.

You will keep a watchful eye over the Indians who are drawing provisions; and report immediately every thing occurring within your superintendency which may come [illegible] to the Department.

Enclosed in the copy of a Roll furnished to me by Maj Currey, embracing all the emigrants from the 1st October 1831 to the 31st May 1833. It may be useful to you.

(H.L.)

* And I have also examined the roll of emigrants who have since been forwarded to me by Lt Deavell in 1832, on which I do not find any of these names.

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Feb: 21st 1835

Hon: Lewis Cass

Secy. War

Copied J.O.

Copied I. O.

Feby 21st 1835.

Hon:
Lewis Cass.
Sec'y War.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you herewith an Estimate for the removal of the Potawatamies &c. and for their subsistence a year after their arrival West, under the Treaty made at Chicago on the 26th September 1833.

G. G.

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July 25th 1831

Hon Lewis Cass

Secy War

Sir

I have the honor

to request that Eight hundred & twenty nine dollars & 68/100

may be advanced to Col G. B. Porter Supt

Ind Affrs. in pursuance of an appropriation for a treaty

Solemnity Potawatamis of the Wabash present and

making appr. by Congress to effect certain indian

treaties approved 2 March 1833. and for which I am

to render an account -

$829 68/100

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Am Lewis Cass

to Am. Geo. W. Gilmer

Feb 25. 1835

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Department of War
Feb: 25 1835.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter requesting me to transmit to you my opinion respecting the filling up the blanks in the proposed bill providing for the removal of the Cherokees.

Major Curry the Superintendent for the removal of those Indians, informs me that he has no certain data by which he can estimate the value of Cherokee improvements. He supposes however that they may amount to between 6 & 700.000 dollars. Supposing the whole number of the Cherokees to be 12.000, this would give an average of about $50 for each person. If therefore 1000 should emigrate during the present season, an appropriation for this object of $50.000 would be required. And I think from the uncertainty respecting the movements of those Indians, and the unsuccessful efforts that have been made, that, that

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amount will be sufficient for the present.

I would recommend that three Commissioners be appointed for the appraisement of that property. With respect to the period to which the valuation shall have reference, I would remark that the present regulations on the subject of valuation of Cherokee improvements in Georgia provide that no improvements shall be valued which were made subsequently to the extention of the laws of Georgia over the Cherokee country, nor to any improvements made by white persons living in that Country by virtue of permits from the Government of the United States.

It would perhaps be equitable to extend the the principle of valuation made bona fide by Cherokees for their own use, and not for the purpose of speculation to a period somewhat later than the above. I would further suggest the propriety of omitting the latter part of the sixth section which relates to the commutation, as the subject seems sufficiently provided for in the Ninth Section.

The amount of the annuity to be offered is a question of more difficulty. If the whole value of the Country claimed by the Cherokees in North

Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee be estimated at $3.000.000 then after deducting the annual sums provided for in the bill from that amount, the balance might be considered as a fund applicable to the purposes of an annuity at an interest of 4½ or 5 per cent. I enclose a very hasty estimate which must be considered rather an approximation towards the truth, than as entitled to any strict accuracy. It will serve however to form the bases of a general view of the subject. By deducting the above sum from the amount estimated as the price of the land dollars would be left as a fund to provide for the payment of an Annuity, which at an interest of 4½ per cent would give dollars annually, and at an interest of 5 per cent would give dollars annually.

To remove 1000 Cherokees, and to provide for them a years subsistence, and the other articles mentioned in the bill, would probably require an expenditure of dollars.

Very respectfully &c.

I have the honor to be

Your Obt. Svt.

Signed Lew Cass

Hon:
Geo: R Gilmer
H of Reps.

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Febry 26th 1835

Wm B Lewis Esq:

2nd Audr

Treasy Dept

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Copied J. O—

Feby 26. 1835.

W. B. Lewis Esq:
2d. auditor Treas. Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor ~~to~~ herewith to transmit to you the accounts of Col: A. B. Pepper, Supt. Removal of Potawatomies from Indiana, for disbursements from 9th Apl. 1833 to the ~~1st October 1834, viz:~~ 17th January 1835 viz:

From 9th Apl to 16th May 1833
17th May to 1 July 1833
11th July to 14 Oct 1833
3rd Oct to 19 Nov 1833
2 July 1834 to 17 Jany 1835

with Provision & property returns for a part of the time.

These disbursements were principally made in the exploring expedition to the West of the Mississippi, and in other arrangements preparatory to a general removal of the Potawatomies: they have been examined in this Office and are allowed.

I. S.

1838.

Secy of War

to

Hon. J. K. Paulding

Nov. 25. 1838.

relative to the application of Col. Johnson

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Secy of War

to

Wm. T. H. Brane

Feb. 28. 1835.

relative to the application
of Alex. Johnson

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Washington Postmaster
Hartford Nov 14th 1835.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 12th inst in which you
Hon Secretary, I have the honor to inform you that you may be
made with the mandate Sunday viz the 22nd inst and
the line for which you are commissioned by the Postmaster
be respectfully Considered.

Yours

Sept. 1835.

Hon Joseph M Cross
Hartford.

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W. B. Lewis.

Feb. 27. 1835

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Wm. B. Lewis Esq.
2nd Auditor Treas Dpt

Feby 27th 1835

Sir,

I transmit to you the following accounts of Lt. W.R. Montgomery for disbursements in the Removal of Choctaws:

4th Quarter 1832 } Money accts
1st Quarter 1833 }
4th Quarter 1832 - Property & Pension Returns

Also the following accounts of the same officer for disbursements in the removal of Potawatamies

3d Quarter 1833 } Money accts.
4th do 1833 }
3 - do 1833 Pension & ~~Property~~ Returns

On the 27th June 1834, a certificate of the deposit to the Credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. of $11,545 80/100, on Choctaw Appropriation, was withdrawn from his accounts & transferred to your office.

In Lt. Montgomery's Potawatamie accounts 4th Qr 1833, will be found two Certificates of deposit to credit of Treasurer of the United States viz one dated Dec 9, 1833, Franklin Bk Cincinnati for $10,000 00 and one dated 5th Dec. 1833, Bank Metropolis for $4,531 44/100

The disbursements of this officer have been carefully examined in this Office and are approved by me.

G.G.

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Feby 27. 1835.

W. A. G. Pepper
Supl Post Roads
Washn D.C.

Sir, It is proper for me to state to you, that your letters of the 23d Dec. and 17th Jany have been duly considered. The recommendations contained in the a the subject of attempting to remove the Potawatamies by treaty cannot yet be acted on. The Secy of War is averse to a partial removal of those indians. They is of opinion they ought all speedily to go. Some arrangements will, however, soon be made, of which you will be duly apprized.

With regard to a contemation of your pay until the services required were performed, I can state, that I see no reason why this should not be the case. It was intended that it should cease immediately on your returning but as attention to the duties of your appointment, and the orders of the Secy of War, expressed through their office, have carried you from home and Confined you there, you will charge for the time thus employed.

S.S.

55 Misc. ORIGINAL DRAFT [redacted] WRITTEN BY WAR DEP'T. [redacted] 32 [redacted]

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July 28. 1835.

Hon Lew. Cass
Secy War.

Sir. I have the honor to hand you the enclosed estimate for the fulfilment of the 5th article of the Treaty with the Potawatamy of the Wabash of the 20 October 1832, and to suggest it as an amendment to the 150 Sec. of the Indian Annuity Bill.

G.G.

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Hon: Jno: Banks
M Congress

March 2. 1835

Sir, The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has referred to this Office, charged with the Emigration of Indians, your letter of the 28th ultimo. You wish to learn whether any Contract is to be given out for the delivery of wheels, reels or looms; and you recommend James Mc Kean of Mercer, Mercer County Pa as a manufacturer of those articles. The demand for these articles will depend mainly on the emigration of those who are entitled to them; as to which there is at all times great uncertainty. At present none are wanted, but should any be wanted before the next Session of Congress, I will apprise you of the fact, and give Mr Mc Kean an opportunity of bidding for the Contract.

Very

443.

March 2nd 1835

Genlm of Wm to

Joel Yancey Esq:

Glasgow

Ky

War Deptmt

Copied

J.O.

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copied J. O.

Department of War
Washington March 2nd 1835.

Joel Yancey Esqr.
Glasgow, Kentucky

Sir

You are hereby appointed an Assistant Agent in the Removal of the Seminole Indians. If you accept this appointment you will repair immediately to the Seminole Agency, Florida, and report for duty to General Wiley Thompson Superintendent; and by letter, to the Commissary General of Subsistence. Your pay will be four dollars a day, to commence on the day of your arrival at your point of destination, and you will receive no other allowance unless traveling west with indians or returning from that duty; in either case the allowance is expressed by the Regulations, of which I send you a copy.

By. Lewis Cass

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Hon: H. H. Clay

~~Home Office~~

Ft March 4. 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you by the hands of Mr. Easton my principal Clerk in the Emigration of Indians, Copies of two letters, ~~from~~ you to the Hon: Lewis Cass, recommendatory of certain gentlemen for duty in the removal of the Creeks. Mr. Easton was also ~~to~~ in correspondence to communicate with you ~~authentic refutation of the~~ some other papers connected with this business.

G. G.

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March 6. 1835

Wm B. Lewis Esq
2d Auditr Treasy Dpt.

Sir,

I transmit to you an account and vouchers of Genl Wm Marshall for expenditures in June last in the removal from Logansport to the Mississippi river, on their way to their new Country, of one hundred and forty eight Potawatamie Indians. These indians were subsequently joined by others of the same tribe and, in all 198, were removed from the Mississippi to their destination by Mr Gordon whose accounts were transmitted to you on the 16th ultimo.

Genl Marshall's account is also sustained by the Roll and Prairie du Pr property returns, together with a copy of his letter to me explanatory of his proceedings. The expenditures have been carefully examined in this Office and are approved.

G L.

Mem: of Appropriation.
appropria for the exp. Pots. Potawatamies of the Wabash, pursuant to Treaty, &c
effect certain indian Treaties &c &c. 2 March 1833.

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March 6th 1835.

Genl Wm Marshall,
Indian Agent,
Washington City

Sir,

(Your account for subsisting in aid of the annual visit of Ha-ba-nin's, Tallach-a-ka-ka-ha's party, have been examined in this office and allowed. They are transmitted to the Second Auditor for final settlement

J.J.

Lewis Cass

to

John Quincy Adams

March 6. 1835.

John Quincy Adams March 6th 1835.

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Lewis Case

to

John Quincy Adams

March 6. 1835.

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Sir

Washington
March 6. 1835

I have had the honor to receive the letters for Col Jones ~~from~~ to you & Mr Calhoun to him you enclosed in yr note of today.

I have retained a copy of Mr Calhoun's letter with a view to submit it to the President and Cabinet together with the whole matter before him as soon as the pressure of other matters before the department will permit

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Hon John Forsyth
Secy of State

The copies of Mr Calhoun's letter is on the Secretary's table — he asks to be appointed Superintendent of the Emigration of the Creek Indians

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Hon: R. M. Johnson
Georgetown, Kentucky
March 7. 1835—

Copied by W.W.

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Emigration of Indians
Office Comm'r Gen'l of Subs:
March 7th 1835.

To
Col. R. M. Johnson,
Georgetown, Kentucky.

Sir:

On the 6th December Ultimo, I returned to you Samuel Garland's Let. of complaint against Major W. Armstrong having addressed him on the subject, Choctaw Agent, and stated that when a reply should be received I would apprise you of its nature. I transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter just received from Major Armstrong, with a copy of its enclosure, being a letter from him to Mr. Garland.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servt.
G. G.

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449.

Wm B Lewis Esq
2nd Auditor
7th March 1835

Copied by S.H.W.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Copied by G.W.C.

March 7. 1835

W. B. Lewis Esq
2nd Auditor Treasy Dpt.

Sir,

I should not have been able before this morning, to ~~comply with~~ your request of the 28th February, to send you certain certificates of deposit of public money by Drawing Officers of Indian Emigration, &c. in Banks, to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States. The certificates alluded to will be found hereunto, they are as follows:

One in favor of Capt W. Day for $ 185.62½
One in favor of Capt Lacon Bean - 1539.52
One in favor of Lt G. A. Phillips - - - - 48.00

It appears that the Certificate in favor of Lt Phillips was originally sent to your office, and transferred thence to me. It is to be presumed that the Paper

G. G.

430.

Genl. Wiley Thompson
Supdt. Seminole Agency
Florida

Mar: 7th 1835

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Copies G. O.

March 7. 1835.

Genl. Wiley Thompson
Supt. Red Seminoles
Seminole Agency Florida

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 27 January. You will be informed of the views of the President and Secretary of War, with regard to the Seminoles before this arrives; and you would at the same time have received the instructions in details of their office, but for unavoidable delay. They are completed and will be transmitted to you in a few days.

G G.

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Adjt Gen. Cass
Secy/ War

March 10. 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to state

~~that~~ there is reason to believe, the exigencies of the Seminole
removal will demand the ~~the~~ assistance, for a period of ~~two~~ about
~~or~~ three weeks, of two or three officers of the army as assistants to
the Disbursing Agent. I request, therefor, that the proper order
may issue for the details of such officers, ~~as may be~~ required
by the Superintendent of the Removal, Gen[l] Wiley Thompson; and
~~that~~ when detailed, they be required to report for duty
~~to him in that Agency, & to act under the immediate~~

G G.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

March 10. 1835.

Maj B. F. Curry Esq
Sec'y Cherokee Nation
Washington D.C.

Sir, You will please to furnish me with the following information:

First: A List of all the Cherokees emigrants who have received commutation for emigration and remained behind.

Second: A List of all those who have received commutation &c and gone west or who have been transported thither by the Agents of the United States, but who have returned & now remain east of the Mississippi.

Third: A List of such as having received commutation or been transported by U. S. Agents, have returned and again been transported at the expense of the U. States.

I shall be glad to have this information as speedily as may be practicable; and with as great a degree of particularity as you may be able to bestow upon it. You will state the facts as nearly as possible from your own knowledge; and when you are dependent upon others, you will note it.

G. G.

do. Sargent

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Secretary of

to

Messrs
Hipburn,
C. Calhoun,
McDougal,
Abercrombie,
James Wadsworth.

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13th March 183

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Mar 13.

Gentlemen

your letter of Mar 2d to the P. of the U. S. enclosing the proceedings of a public meeting held at the town of Seatumbet, resp. the removal of the Creek Indians. and the appt. of an agent for that purpose has been ref'd to this Dept. In answer I beg leave to inform you that the difficulties and embarrassments attending the Dept. & it. of the has carefully known & appd. here as in likewise the necessity for their removal. Every arrangement which can be made by this Dept was made fast carrying, as many of them as possible west of the Miss. The efforts hitherto have not been successful that had been anticipated. The attempt will be again renewed and every effort when will be used to induce the unfortunate people to remove to a country where alone they

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can hope to find the means of subsist. P. Before the receipt of yr letter an appt. of a citizen of Ala has been made for Supt. the removal of Creek Indians, and I am therefore precluded from making the selection recommended by you of Gen S. and who I have no doubt is highly qualified by the Creeks.

Very Respt Yr Obt Servt

Jesse Cat.

Messrs.
B. Hepburn
J. S. Cathcart
D. M. Dougal
A. Abercrombie
Jesse Wadsworth
Washington City
Geo.

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The Secretary of War

to

Hogan Esq.

11th March 1835.

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War Dep.
March 11. 1835

Sir

You are hereby appt. under the direction of the Pres. principal agent for the removal of the Creek Indians the State of Alabama.

The necessary instructions for your govt. & such information respecting your compensation will be communicated to you as soon as the papers can be prepared by the Com. Genl of Subsistence.

Should you accept the appointment we have subjects [illegible] very desirous of proceeding more particularly to your consideration. It is very important that these Indians should be removed from the State of Alabama as speedily as practicable. Their own condition dispatch existence absolutely require this, and so does a just regard to the peace & security of the people of that country where they reside. I must request you therefore to give all your energies to the accomplishment of this desirable object. Proceed without delay to the execution of your

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duties, I use every effort in your power to induce the Dist. Attorneys. Unremitting exertion must be req. on the part of yourself & every person under your direction.

In addition to this I look to you for the strictest economy in all the arrangements you may make so far as the just accomplishment of the measures will permit. Employ no more persons than are actually requisite, and employ none but those who are active upright & industrious. Efforts can be found who are accustomed to such duties & acquainted with their manner these ought to be preferred.

The necessary funds will be remitted to Capt. [illegible] age of the Army who will be the Disb. Offr. located with you in the operations

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Hogan Esqr
Y. Cass

= Note. See the letter of this date to the Dist Attys of Alabama =

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The Secretary of War

to

The District Attorney
for the South. Dist. Alabama.

11th. March 1833.

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Washington
March 11. 1831

Sir

~~John~~ Hogan Esqr of Mobile has been recommended for the Appt. of Judge for the removal of the Creek Indians. On examining the claim of this public officer it is ascertained that he is indebted to the Govt. which this disqualifies him from being appointed to any office. It is suggested however that he would be willing to pay the Amt. due without delay & this removes the only objection to his selection. In consequence of this suggestion the within letter is transmitted to you & I would thank you to communicate the matter to Mr Hogan. If within a month after the receipt of the papers Mr. Hogan should pay the Balance due the U S. so that you can give him a receipt in full then you will be pleased to insert his Christian name in the letter of appt. & deliver it to him. Should he not however do this then you will be good enough

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to insert the name of Wm B Hogan of Talladega
who has been recommended for the same Office
& transmit the papers to him by mail.
I will thank you to communicate to me without
delay the result of this matter.

Very Respt
Your Obt Servt

Dft Atty
for the South. Dist
of Alabama
Mobile

offer for Transportation on the Creek Removal and the date on which they enter.

allowance per diem for which they agree to transport &c. being found by the U. States

4 horses — 3 dollars	5 horses — $3.50	6 horses — 4 dollars.

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Hon: Lewis Cass
Sec. of War.
March 16. 1835.

Copies of Letters

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Copies 5 times //

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Hon: Lewis Cass
Sec: of War.
March 16. 1835.

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copied by G.W.C.

March 16. 1835

Hon Lew Cass
Secretary of War

Sir, I have the honor to request that the following items, only, of appropriation for removal and subsistence of Indians, from acts making appropriations for Indian Annuities &c approved 3d March 1835, may be deposited in the Mechanics Bank, New York, New Orleans and Tallahassee to the credit of Lt. Col. Harris, Disbursing Agent of the Seminoles, for which he will be accountable:

On the Manhattan Bank of New York	$15,000 =
Mechanics Bk of New Orleans	10,000 —
Bank at Tallahassee	5,000
	30,000

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Seminoles

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Marcts

from Secy of War

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The Secy of War ~~with his compliments~~ has the honor to inform the Secy of State that the Pres has finally decided that in the removal of the Cherokees under all circumstances to continue the mode of proceeding which has heretofore been adopted to many objections & the clear intendment of the Contract of 1835 that it will be unsafe to depart from it.

War Department
March 14 1838

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Wm M. Davis Esq

Calhoun, Tenn:

14th March 1835.)

Copied by I.H.W.

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copied by J.D.W.

March 14. 1835.

Wm. M. Davis Esq
Enrolling & Appraising Agt Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn

Sir, I have received your of the 28th ultimo, in reference to mine of the 10th of the same month, addressed to Major Currey on the subject of the employment of a Clerk. I am satisfied of the propriety lately upon the verbal & written representation of Mr Currey who is now here, all which are fortified by what you have written on the subject.

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Mr. Geo W. Tryon
Philadelphia

March 16. 1835

Sir,

I have received yours of the 12th inst: in which you ask for some intimation as to the probable number of Rifles that may be wanted during the present season.

You are aware that it was my intention to divide between Mr Dennis and yourself, under the terms of a former contract, the supplying of rifles for the Indians; but I am just instructed by the Secretary of War, that in order to comply satisfactorily with the terms of a Law of June 1834 it is necessary to make a new contract.

Proposals will be advertised for in a few days, and as they will be published in Philadelphia, I will only direct you to your papers for particulars.

Yr. ob. Svt.

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Wm B. Lewis Esq
2nd Auditor Treasury Dept
Washington

Sir,

I transmit to you for settlement two vouchers of Capt. G.B.F. Russell, for services and transportation rendered engaged in making the preliminary arrangements with the Seminole Agent for the Florida Indians, for the removal of the Seminoles West of the Mississippi. They have been examined in this office and are allowed. They amount to $ 503.73

G.G.

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Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock, A. T.
14th March 1835.)

copied by [illegible]

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copied by Clerk

Capt. Jacob Brown
Principal Disbg Agt
Little Rock A.T.

March 14th. 1835.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th February enclosed me from Major F.W. Armstrong, on the subject of the advance of money made to you by him, under authority of the instructions from this office of the 19th July ultimo, for the payment of the Indians. Those instructions contemplated your giving Major Armstrong a draft on me, for the amount you might get of him. But as you have not done so, and the transaction is stated merely between yourself, I deemed it proper to advance you a sum sufficient to meet all the expenditures for the removal of the Indians and their subsistence the last month, only which you can pay him.

The Treasury of the U. States is deposited in the Union Bk at New Orleans from thence draw for what you want.

The Disbursements have been examined in this office and are found correct.

G. G.

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Copied J. C.

Hon: Lewis Cass,
Secy of War.

March 14th 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Five thousand dollars out of appropriation for removal and subsistence of Indians, per act making appropriations for Indian Annuities &c. approved 3d March 1835, may be deposited in the Union Bk of Louisiana at New Orleans, to credit of Capt Jacob Brown, Principal Disbursing Agent Removal of Indians, who will be accountable for the same

$5000 =

Dft Paid

No. 438

14th March 1835.

Copied by J. H. W.

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Copied by D.H.W.

Emigration of Indians.
Office Comm[r] Gen[l] of Subs:
March 14th 1835.

To,
~~Major S. S. McIntosh,~~
~~4th Inf[y], Commanding at~~
~~Fort Mitchell, Ala[a].~~

Sir:

~~You have been completed by my request to go to~~
~~by the Secretary of War's request, Montgomery will detach~~
~~an Officer from your command and dispatch him to~~
Montgomery, Alabama, with a view to an examination
into the state of some public property in the hands of
Mr. William Sayre of that place. That property,
it appears, has been stored with him from the 18th
September 1828, and the bill for storage amounts to about
five hundred dollars. The object ~~of the Secretary~~ is
to ascertain satisfactorily the condition of all the
property; and for that purpose Captain John Page,
Disbursing Agent in the Creek Removal, was directed to
examine it. He reported but partially, not having time
to make a thorough examination. There are according

to

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to Mr Sayre's bill, 30 boxes of Rifles, and 2 Boxes and 1 Bale of other goods. ~~The officer employed in this duty~~ You will inspect all the boxes and bales, and note their contents, and the order in which you find them. If any of the articles are injured you will have them separated from the rest, and those which are good re-boxed. You will have the boxes marked and numbered anew, furnishing a statement of them according to their numbers. The defective articles will be sold, except the Rifles, ~~which cannot be repaired if worth repairing it will be sent to Watertown for that purpose~~. If any thing has been used, ~~the officer~~ you will ascertain to what extent injury has resulted; and if any thing has been lost you will estimate its value; in both cases you will propose a deduction by so much from Mr Sayre's bill. If that gentleman is agreed, ~~the officer~~ is authorized to give him a certificate of the amount due, which will be paid to him as soon as advice is received by me of the fact, with a new bill of storage, embracing the whole time to be charged for. I enclose a copy of a bill of storage heretofore furnished through Captain Page.

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As soon as the transaction is complete, the goods will be shipped to the address of Lieut. A. Drane, Quarter Master New Orleans. They will be marked "Creeks West. Lieut. J. Vanhorne Fort Gibson"

~~If Whites employed~~ on this duty you will be paid your actual expenses, of which you will please make an account and present it, with your certificate on honor, to Captain Page, — who will soon be in Alabama, — by whom it will be paid. Should you incur any expense for labor, you will of course take regular vouchers. And if the sales amount to less than the ~~whole expense incurred~~ the amount will be a credit on the expense account; if more, you will turn over the balance to Captain Page. You will advise me of your proceedings under these instructions.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servt.

Gto Gibson C S

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Major J. S. McIntosh
Fort Mitchell Ala.
14th March 1835.

copied by W.W.S.

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copied by C.A.W.

March 14. 1835

Major L. L. McIntosh
Comdg at Fort Mitchell Ala

Sir

The Adjutant General will this day direct an officer of your Command to be detailed for duty with my orders. You will be pleased to ~~state~~ insert the name of the officer you may select for this duty, in the enclosed instructions and advise me of it.

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copied by J.D.W.

March 17. 1835

Major Genl Macomb
Comy U. S. Army
Washington

Sir,

I have the honor to request that an officer ~~may be detailed~~ at Fort Mitchell may be detailed to go to Mauvilla, Alabama, where he will be employed a few days in inspecting ~~the~~ a large number of rifles and some other articles deposited there long since, and now required for distribution to the Indians. When the officer's name is known to me particular instructions will be given to him

G.G.

Major S. S. McIntosh
14th Inft Fort Mitchell Ala
March 13th 1835.

Copied by J.M.W.

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Copied by J.H.W.

March 13th 1835.

To

Majr J. J. McIntosh,

4th Infy.

Commanding at Ft. Mitchell Ala.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of War to request, that you will detach an officer from your command deputed to Montgomery, Alabama, with a view to the examination into the state of some public property in the hands of Mr. Wm Sayre of that place. That property, it appears, has been stored with him from the 18th September 1828, and the bill for storage amounts to about five hundred dollars. The object of the Secretary is to ascertain satisfactorily the condition of the property; and for that purpose Capt Jno Page Dickson, agt in the Creek removal, was directed to examine it. He repaired last spring, not having time to make a thorough examination. There are, according to Mr Sayre's bill, 30 boxes of Rifles, and 2 boxes and 1 bale of other goods. The officer employed on this duty will inspect the boxes and bales, and note their contents, as the order in which he finds them. If any of the articles are injured he will have them separated from the rest, and those which are good reboxed. He will have the boxes marked and numbered anew, furnishing a statement of them according to their numbers. The defective articles will be sold, except the rifles, which if worth repairing will be sent to Fort Mitchell for that purpose. If any thing has been used, the officer will ascertain to what extent injury has resulted; and if any thing has been lost he will estimate its value: in both cases he will propose a deduction by so much from Mr Sayre's bill. If that gentleman is agreed, the officer is authorized to give him a certificate of the amount due, which will be paid to him as soon as advice is received by me of the facts, with a new bill of Storage, embracing the whole time

to be charged for. I enclose a copy of a bill of storage heretofore furnished through Capt Page.

As soon as the transaction is complete, the goods will be shipped to the address of Lt. A. Drane, Asst Qr Mast New Orleans. They will be marked "Creaky West. Lieut J. VanHorne Fla Squad"

The officer employed on this duty will be paid his actual expenses, of which he will please make an account and present it, with his certificate on honor, to Capt Page, who will soon be in Alabama, by which time it will be paid. Should he incur any extraordinary expenses for labor, he will of course take regular vouchers; and if his expenses fall short of the sum allowed, the amount will be a credit on his expense acct.; if more, he will turn over the balance to Capt Page. He will advise me of his procedure under these instructions.

G.G.

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Lewis Cass Sec. of War.

to

Hon. John Forsyth

March 10th 1835.

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Dept of war
Mch 10 1835

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive the letter of Mr Bryan of the 23 d ultv. referred by you to this Dept on the 9 th inst. Mr Bryan's application to be appointed an agent for removing the Creek Inds. will be filed for consideration, when this subject is acted upon.

very to
(signed) Lewis Cass

Hon
John Forsyth
Secy of State

Mr F.'s letter - E

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Lieut. I. T. Harris —

Tidy Qgt.

Washington

March 10th 1835.

Copied
J.O.

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Copied J. C.

March 10. 1835.

Lt. J. W. Harris
Disby Agent
Washington

Sir,

I have received your note of yesterday ~~Declining~~ Soliciting to be relieved from duty in the Emigration of Indians; and have submitted it to the Secretary of War, who has decided in these words! "Lieut. Harris cannot be relieved. It is considered that officers of the Army are liable to this duty by virtue of the act of June 30. 1834. regulating Indian Affairs"

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Gen. W. Thompson
Apl. 1. 1835.

Rec'd by W. B.

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April 1st 1835.

Gen. Wiley Thompson
Supt. Ken Seminoles
Seminole agency Florida

Sir,

By the 3d article of the Seminole Treaty of 9th May 1832, it is agreed to distribute among the Seminoles as they arrive west of the Mississippi, a blanket and a homespun frock to each individual of the tribe. I have issued proposals for blankets, but as it will be proper to furnish them with such frocks as they are accustomed to wear, it is preferred that you should procure them. You will, for this purpose, procure to be made of suitable material three or four frocks, ~~each of a different size and quality of suitable material~~. These will be exhibited as specimens ~~of~~ at New Orleans, in the paper of which place you will advertise for proposals for delivering 150 of them there on the 1st of October next.

The specimen frocks should be made out of good homespun, and in a workmanlike manner, and they will be put in the office of the Assistant Quarter Master, who will exhibit them to persons disposed to bid.

The bids will be received till the 1st of June, or about the time of your returning from Rock Roe; and the Contracts given to the lowest

lowest responsible bidder. The Assistant Quarter Master may have them inspected if you cannot be present, and will ship them to Fort Gibson. As soon as evidence of delivery and inspection is received at this office the money will be paid. The original bids, and all other papers connected with the transaction will be forwarded after the advertisement,

I enclose you a form of Abstract of bids & Contract, with blank Contracts and bonds. When the Contract is made you will please to forward me an original, reserving another for yourself.

G. G.

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Secretary of War
to
Col. T. J. V. Owen

Apl. 1st. 1835.

War Dept
Apl. 1. 35

Sir

I send a copy of a letter this day written to Col Pepper principal [illegible] agt for the removal of the Potawatamies

I wish to know of you what course who negotiated the Treaty of Chicago Adm Ind. expects that the Ind. Potawatamies would be located upon the cessn made by that treaty. I consider it important that they should be associated with their Kindred bands, rather than scattered thro the country. Please to communicate your own impressions concerning the expediency of these measures

Very respt

Lewis Cass

Col. J. B. Owen
Chicago

509.
Secr. of War
to
Col. A.C. Pepper.
31. March 1835

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War Department
March 9th 1835.

Sir

In the instructions heretofore given to you concerning the location of accounts for the reservations of the Chickasaw Potawatomie and other Indians under the treaty of Chicago, the views of this Department were communicated to you, and a decided opinion expressed that they ought to be located upon a district adjoining the tract appropriated for the permanent establishment of the Potawatomie, Ottawas and Chippewas under the treaty of Chicago. The considerations leading to such a location do not apply to

In the first place it is important to avoid as much as possible the intermixture of Indians with the same language habits and customs should be placed together. Harmony will be thereby promoted and causes of collision obviated.

Indians should be placed in only adjoining Counties in the power of the Govt except that adjoining the tract selected for the Indians under the Chicago treaty is the district between the Osage and Sac & Fox Reservations, And the following Indians not remaining entitled to emigrate and are comprised in the allotments made of that tract to the Miamies of Wyandots, the N.Y Indians the Ottawas of Ohio and Michigan and the various bands of the Potawatomies of the Prairie of Michigan. It is important also a division

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of Ohio by deputies to their land should settlement position occupation in the event of an arrangement being made for their removal.

In addition to these communications, I have received information, which fully confirms my previous impressions upon the subject. I have been told by ~~gentlemen~~ persons who have been in Washington, that at the head of Chicago, it was fully understood both by the Commissioners & the Indians, that the reservation west of the Mississippi, was intended for all the Potawatamies. If this be so, and if that tract be sufficient there is no doubt, sufficiently valuable & extensive for the support of all the Indians, and of more fertility than they can occupy, I then see no impropriety in allowing them to sell & go there at their convenience. In the mean time I therefore, am willing to agree to a treaty for satisfactory adjustment of the smaller. I have written to Gov. Dodge requesting him to inform me what were the facts & circumstances with the location of the

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consideration under the Chicago Treaty,
and what were the speculations of the
Commissioners & the Indians, respecting
its accomplishment by the Potawatamies.
The Indians by present inspection were
of that all these Indians should take
lands together. They are in fact one
people, and as it is contrary better,
in every point of view, that they
should not be placed upon the same
tract, than that they should not
be allowed among the other tribes
of that region.

You will therefore, make
this Letter a witness confirmed in
this Treaty, and communicate the
information, as made by the Chiefs at
Chicago, at the same time to the
Potawatamies of the Potawatamie
Indians, whose removal has been

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Steuben
Thanks with my
the attention
. . . .

authentic account.

Any information you may
have to communicate will, at all times
meet with due consideration

Regd

Col. Pickens

Thank you for the report of Col Owen
of Col Pepper conferring
the statement of Mr Schumehorn when
I shall consider the reservation under the
Chicago treaty as the proper location for
Jon Potawatamies. Should it not be so
however I shall then think it highly
desirable that they should be located
adjoining the other reservations in conformity
with the suggestions made to you in my
letter of 26 June 1834 I see no good cause
whatever for appointing both an agent &
district. Any information you may have to
communicate to me relative to the matter
shall receive respectful consideration

Very &c.

Col A C Pepper
Present Agent
Logansport
Indiana

Supt. Removal Potawatamies
Chicago Rising Sun
Illinois Indiana

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Secretary of War

to

Col. T. J. V. Owen

Mpl. 1st. 1835.

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War Dept
Apl. 1. 35

Sir

I send a copy of a letter this day written to Col Pepper present agt for the removal of the Potawatamies

I wish thank you to let me know whether the Com! who negotiated the Treaty of Chicago Ashn Ind! expects that the Ind. Potawat. would be located upon the ceded lands by that treaty. I consider it important that they should be associated with their Kindred bands, rather than scattered thro the country. Please to communicate your own impressions concerning the expediency of these measures

Col. J. B. Owen
Chicago

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Your Obt
Servt
Lewis Cass

509.
Sec. of War
to
Col. A. C. Pepper.
31. March 1835

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War Department
March 9th 1835.

Sir

In the instructions heretofore given to you concerning the location of roads for the Territories of the United States North West of the Ohio and to locate such roads as in your opinion will best accommodate the settlements already made, the views of this Department have been communicated to you, and a decided opinion expressed that they ought to be located upon a direct course from the most appropriate point on the Harmonie Establishment upon the Wabash, to Vincennes, and thence by Chicago to the mouth of the river St Joseph's on Lake Michigan. The considerations leading to such location will be fully stated in my instructions.

In the first place it is important in order to open the most direct communication between the Seat of Government and the most populous parts of the Territory of Michigan, that these points should be placed together. Harmony will be selected from motives connected with the Indian Department.

In the second place the only settlements in the power of the United States to open, lying on the tract selected for the road under the Chicago treaty, is the district between the Wabash and the Tributaries of Lake Erie, And the following Tribes of Indians will remain entitled to hunt and are entitled to the annuities under the Treaties of Greenville, the Miami of the Lake, the Wyandotts, the Ottawas of Ohio and Michigan and the various bands of the Chippewas of the mouth of the Saint Josephs, Potawatamies of Michigan. It is important also as a means

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of Ohio by deputies to their land, should be allowed position occupation in the event of an arrangement being made for their removal.

In addition to these communications, I have received information, which fully justifies my previous suspicions upon the subject. I have been told by ~~[illegible]~~ a Potawatomie Indian, that at the head of Chicago, it was fully understood both by the Commissioners & the Indians, that the reservation west of the Mississippi, was intended for all the Potawatamies. If this be so, and if I am right in my supposition, it will double, sufficiently large to contain for the support of all the Indians, and a much larger number than they can cultivate. I then see no prospect of allowing them to sell their lands with any justice. In the meantime Therefore, and until a treaty for a cession can be effected, I shall withhold from the market all the lands in question. I have written to Col. Owen requesting him to report to me what steps the Potawatomies connected with the location of their

conversation under the Chicago Treaty,
and what were the expectations of the
Commissioners & the Indians, respecting
its accomplishment by the Potawatamies.
They were fully impressed with the
opinion; that all these Indians should be
located together. They are in fact one
people, and as it is contrary both
in every point of view, that they
should be placed upon the same
tract, than that they should be
located among the other tribes
of that region.

You will therefore, make
this Letter a part of your instructions
this July talk, and communicate the
removal, as early as the Chiefs of the
Chicago, and the Commissioners on the
part of the Potawatamie
Indians, when removal has been

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Should the wife
sign statement
as above come
before Notary
Chicago Ill.

authentic as to you?

Any information you may
have to communicate, regarding both
matter, will be duly considered

Yours

Col. Fisher

Should the report of Col Owen of the Commissioners agree with the statement of Mr Schermerhorn then I shall consider the reservation under the Chicago treaty as the proper location for Jon Potawatamies. Should it not be so however I shall then think it highly desirable that these Indns be located adjoining the other reservations in conformity with the suggestions made to you in my letter of 26 June 1834 I see no good cause whatever for appointing both of them another district. Any information you may have to communicate to me relative to the matter will receive respectful consideration—

Very &c.

Col A C Pepper
Removing Agent
Logansport
Indiana

Supts. Removal Potawatamies
Rising Sun
Indiana

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Capt Jacob Brown
P. D. Agent Little Rock Ark. Ty.

{Copied J.C.}

March 30. 1835.

Sir,

I have had the vouchers of Mr. Millard late Asst. Agt., enclosed to me in yours of the 17th. February, examined. Mr. Millard charges for his actual traveling expenses from 2nd October 1834 to the 20th January 1835; and for his return traveling allowance from Fort Towson to Memphis. Now the question has Mr. Millard made himself a title to these allowances? must be answered. The rule laid down for your guide in similar cases is that- "Going to Memphis no agent will receive any transportation or commutation of transportation and subsistence" This plainly excludes by its very terms the payment of the "actual expenses". Then in order to his being entitled to the "return traveling allowance" he must have traveled westward with Indians: but he did not, for it seems the charge is made for having gone to Memphis in prosecution of his duties. This charge too, of course, is also excluded by the terms of the prohibition above quoted. The propriety of this decision will appear perfectly clear, when it is recollected that the business of the agents commences at Memphis, to which place the instructions provide they were to go without any allowance

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Little Rock
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for transportation or communication of the same. The going to Memphis was for the purpose of commencing their operations. No matter where an agent might be, he was bound to go there in the terms prescribed, or not at all. It was indeed a part of the Contract between the U. States & the agents.

I have taken some pains to state the grounding the decision clearly, inasmuch as ~~upon desired principles~~ as there may be other claims of a similar Character depending upon the result of this; and because Art: 2. Sect VIII of the Regulations of cotton may be strictly construed at the Treasury ~~must consist thereafter that these offices would interest the claimants and must satisfactory~~

G.G.

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Hon: R. M. Johnson?
Georgetown Ky.

March 28th 1831.

Sir,

I have had no opportunity before now, of replying to yours of the 1st. ult. on the matter in relation to Mr. J. M. C. Montgomery's claim for compensation, in addition to what he has been to you received, as disbursing Enrolling Agent. I was of opinion that Mr. Montgomery had been paid every dollar to which he was justly entitled; and with Maj Currey the Superintendent of removal has been recently here, I consulted him upon the subject. He has confirmed my impression. I take it, further, that Mr. Montgomery can have no cause of complaint, inasmuch as he had his per diem allowance raised from three to four dollars a day, when, had he been held strictly to his appointment, there might perhaps, independently of the equity of his claim to the higher rate, have been some difficulty in the way of this increase.

R. J.

Marginal note
See Mr. Montgomery's letter of May Currey's note indorsed

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March 28th 1835.

Lt. Col.
Maj. Gen. Stanton
Q.r Mast. U.S. Army
Washington

Sir,

— I have received yours of the 21st & 24th inst. In the latter you state that you have not succeeded in procuring a single 2½ point blanket weighing 6½ lbs per pair. If you have not before this found one, be pleased to get one of less weight, say about 6 lbs per pair. I do not know that it will be necessary to alter the advertisement. But if you think proper be pleased to have it done in the New York papers

Yrs

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March 27th 1835.

Lt. J. W. Harris
Disbg. Agt. Seminoles,
Seminole Agency Florida.

Sir,

Ord Yancey Esq.
Asst. Agent in the Seminole emigration, will be paid by you one half his pay of four dollars a day; the remainder will be retained to be paid here under a power of attorney.

At the end of each quarter you will obtain receipts in your own name for the first half of the quarter, and ~~blank~~ receipts in blank ~~signatures~~ for the second half; these latter will be forwarded without a moment's delay.

Enclosed is a copy of Mr Yancey's appointment which you will please to hand to the Superintendent after taking note of its terms.

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March 27. 1835.

Jas. R. M. Johnson
Georgetown Ky.

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Yancey. The arrangement by which a portion of his pay as Asst. Agent is to be transferred to the Cashr. of the Bank of Metropolis, is placed, I believe on the true grounds. Considerations of public convenience, cannot permit this office to go further than to deprive him of half his pay, even under the sanction of a legal instrument. For, the result might be an entire inability to perform the duties incumbent upon him.

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March 27th 1835.

Joel Yancey Esq:
Asst. Agt. Seminoles,
Seminole Agency, Florida.

Sir,

You are aware that there is on the files of this office, a power of attorney in favor of Geo. Thomas Esq. Cash. of the Bank of the Metropolis, for the payment to them, or their agent duly authorized, of any salary or sums of money that may become due to you as agent in the removal of the Florida Indians. The gentlemen who are concerned as endorsers, as I understand it, for you in a former transaction, and on whose account this money has been obtained from the bank, with the understanding that you are to pay it by an appropriation of a part of your Compensation to that object, desire that the thousand dollars should be paid in one year. On due reflection, I cannot consent to this; for although they have a right under the power to draw all your wages, you have a right to refuse to serve on such terms, and the department has also a right to consider whether such an appropriation of your earnings would not lessen your efficiency as a public agent, if not, from pecuniary difficulties, disable you totally from the proper performance of your duties. In this view of the matter,

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I have come to the conclusion to ~~pay you~~ make you such an allowance as will most probably enable you to live easily, and at all events, to prosecute the business to which you will be assigned, with some degree of Comfort to yourself and with such advantage to the United States as this Department, aside from all private considerations, will expect of its agents.

~~The Disbursing~~ Agent will pay one half of the amount of your Compensation as certified (required) by the Superintendent.

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War Dept
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Sir

Gov. Eaton has transmitted to this dept the copy of a letter which he has written to you on the subject of the removal of the Seminole Indians from Florida. It

The doubts suggested by Gov Eaton in that letter to you addressed by him to this dept concerning the validity of the treaty ratified with the Seminoles in April 1834 in consequence of two of the years fixed during which they were to remove having expired, have been considered by the President. On a full examination however of the subject the obligation of the treaty does not seem to be affected by this circumstance, as the post-ponement of the ratification was occasioned by a stipulation in the treaty requiring an examination of the western country by the subsequent agent of the Seminoles before the treaty could take effect. The ratification was given as soon after this was effected as practicable.

You will therefore proceed under yr. original instructions. If any delay however has occurred in consequence of this interposition of Governor Eaton

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Your conduct in postponing the subject will be entirely approved. The political station as well as the personal character of Gov. Eaton entitle his suggestions to respectful consideration.

Yours &c

Sir

Let me however add that in the execution of the task committed to you I am very desirous that no harsh measures should be used which can possibly be avoided. It is only in the last resort & under the conviction that the peace of that part of the county requires the immediate removal of these Indians, that the measures directed should be resorted to.

Yours &c

Lewis Cass

Brevet Brig. Genl. D. L. Clinch.
Fort King
Florida

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Secretary of War to

Mrs Eaton

March 27. 1835

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Dept of War
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Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 8th inst & have laid it before the Pres.

The question presented in it respecting the validity of the obligation of the Seminole Ind.s to remove from Florida, has been submitted to the Atto. Genl. & that Offr has decided that the obligation of the treaty is not affected by the delay which has taken place in the ratification, but that the Ind.s may be required to remove in the years 1835. '36 & '37. Instructions therefor have been given to Genl Gaines to proceed to the execution of the measures directed should he have delayed doing so in consequence of yr. letter. A copy of the communication to him is herewith enclosed.

The Pres.t is fully aware of the difficulties involved in this subject. But from the reports heretofore rec.d fr. Genl Clinch & Genl Thompson it is evident that nothing short of the display of a respectable force will induce those deluded Indians to comply with their engagements. There are 10 companies of Inf.y under the orders of Genl. Clinch for the execution

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of this duty & that No is believed to be sufficient
to prevent the Seminoles fr the commission
of any hostile acts. Those Offrs have been
directed to use every means in their powers
by persuasion & remonstrance to induce
the Indns to go. It is with extreme reluctance
I learn that the Pres: would assent to the
employment of force. But what is to be done?
It is manifest that this tribe cannot live where
they now are. Every year they are reduced
to extreme distress, & time after time applications
have been made to the Govt to provide the
means of saving them fr starvation. An ample
Country has been assigned to them W of the Miss
when many of their brethren have already
gone, & where with very little exertion & industry
they can improve & flourish. Advantageous
stipulations have been made for them to secure
their comfortable transportation, their subsistence
for a year & such other benefits including Annuities
&c as have been offered to other Indians. Must
we then yield to a false humanity, & to the efforts
of interested individuals desirous for their own
purposes to retain these Indians, and thus
suffer them eventually to perish? And this too
after having involved the white settlements
around them in ruins which we have reason
to fear from the representations that have

been made? Or is it not better by firmness and decision at once to satisfy them that they must go & thus comply with their own engagements & save them from the destruction that otherwise awaits them.

Your suggestions concerning the propriety of removing them by water are certainly correct, & the removing Agent has been directed to adopt that course if it be practicable.

The statement which you understand them to make respecting the facts stated by them

the occupation of a separate district in the Creek country were I consider quo ad hoc of consequence. They are essentially one people with the Creeks & there is land enough and more than enough for them & their posterity to the thousandth generation. The whole matter connected with their residence West was satisfactorily arranged by the Comrs in that country.

I cannot myself conceive that the prohibition contained in it could be legally given & carried into effect would be either a proper or a humane remedy in this case. It is certainly better to remove them as they must be removed eventually than to let them remain & starve by their own act.

His Ex. Mott. Eaton
Tallahassee

Very Respt
Lewis Cass

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To Hon: Lew: Cass.
Sec'y. War

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March 26. 1835.

Hon: Lewis Cass
Sec'y War.

Sir, I have the honor to request that ~~Ten~~ Thousand dollars, out of appropriation for removal and subsistence of Indians, for act making appropriations for Indian Department &c Approved 3d March 1835, may be placed to the Credit of Capt J. B. F. Russell Sub Agent, who will account for the same

~~Thomas McKenney~~
~~in the Office of Indian Affairs~~

~~Sub Agent~~

$10,000 =

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Genl Wiley Thompson,
26th March 1833.

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(Copied by C.A.W.)

March 26. 1835.

Genl Wiley Thompson,
Supt Seminole Affrs
Seminole Agency, Florida.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of War to say, that in consequence of the representation received at the War Dept from Governor Eaton, the Seminole Indians will be removed by water. This instruction is deemed necessary because your general instructions provide for a removal by land or water, only, in a certain contingency.

I am &c.

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William Gordon Esq
26th March 1835.

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(Copied by D.H.W.)

March 26th. 1835.

Wm. Gordon. Esq
~~Agent. Ottp.~~ Saint Louis Mo.

Sir, I am directed by the Secretary of War, to appoint you an Assistant Agent in the removal of the Potawatamis under the Chicago Agency. If you accept please advise me, and at the same time repair for duty to Col. Th. J. V. Owen, Superintendent of the ~~Chicago~~ Potto Removal, at Chicago Illinois. Your pay will be four dollars a day, and will commence on the date of your receiving instructions from the Superintendent; to which please hold yourself in readiness.—

C. A. H.

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Col. Wm. Hunter

26th March 1833.

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(Copied by J. H. C.)

March 26. 1835

Col. Wm. Hunter

Tuscumbia, Alaba.

Sir,

By my letter to you of the 13th Dec. ultimo, your services as Asst. Agent with the Creek removal were discontinued under direction of the Secretary of War. I am now instructed by him to say, that you will be again called upon as soon as your services may be needed, which I hope may be ere long.

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March 25th 1835.

Col: Th: L. V. Owen
Asst Qur Genl Chicago Depot.
Chicago Illinois.

Sir

The emigration of the Indians under the 2d art. of the treaty of Chicago, will be conducted in accordance with the printed Regulations and the following instructions.

There is reason to believe, that before your return from the Exploring expedition, some of the Indians will be desirous to emigrate. It will therefore be proper, in the first place, to provide for such a movement. You will ascertain the views of the Indians, and should there be a prospect of a removal in your absence, you will employ an agent to conduct them west, giving him such directions as you may deem proper. He will also be instructed in the mode of keeping his papers by the Disbursing Agent. The person employed should be a man of good character and steady habits, and well acquainted with the Indians. As such transactions would be irregular; it shall not be expected that all the forms required in other cases will be complied with in this. It will be sought to impress the agent with the importance of economy in expenditure, and dispatch in movement; and if encouraged in the hope that by a faithful discharge of his duty well, his employment may be continued, being able to render a satisfactory statement of his disbursements.

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On your return, you will immediately make arrangements for as extensive a removal as can possibly be effected during the ensuing fall. The report of the deputation will doubtless be of a favorable character; and the conduct to ensue is probably not calculated upon with regard to that. But, at all events, your efforts will be bent upon instant operations, to whatever extent circumstances may enable you to act. The Indians will, of course, be cancelled, and will listen to the representations made to them, of the great advantages to be reaped by) removal to their new country. They must be made sensible that they cannot remain longer on the lands in Illinois, not on any part of the lands ceded, beyond three years from the ratification of the treaty. They must be shown, that as they will have to remove, the sooner they do so, the better they will be able to provide for themselves. In fine you will use all such arguments as may appear to you proper for the occasion, and calculated to have weight and influence with those you address.

The proper Department will be seized to appoint time & place of assemblage. Punctuality will be all important, to insure which you will take proper measures. The Regulations allow them to be subsisted for two weeks whilst assembling. This time will be shorter if practicable.

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The route will be selected by you. The mode of traveling must of course suit the route. If packhorses are used, and I am under the impression they will be preferable to wagons, you can have as many provided for as will cost about as much as the number of wagons they would be entitled to. The hiring of the Indian parties participates for packhorses, as are able to do service, might have a good effect upon the Indians themselves, and be a considerable incentive to emigration

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The route will be selected by you, ~~with a view to the health~~, decidedly preferable. The direction to be taken will depend upon the nature of the Country and the means of subsistence. I will suggest, that it may be found better to go by way of Alton, Illinois, at least as far as not much higher up the Mississippi, where there may be a good road & Connected with the Missouri river road; or one leading ~~in the direction~~ more immediately in the direction of the new Country.

The Disbursing Agent will furnish the ~~transportation~~ subsistence accordingly to Regulations, and It will be desirable that you should fix upon the route ~~& time~~ some time before you start, that he may make arrangements, by contract or otherwise, for the Subsistence, deliverable at certain points.

The Indians will be enrolled when they are ready to start. This will be carefully and accurately done, and the Rolls will show the changes by birth death &c on the way. A copy will be turned over to the Disbursing Agent-west, and the originals transmitted to this office.

If the party first ready to emigrate does not exceed one thousand Indians, the Disbursing Agent will proceed west with it and you will remain behind. But if a party of three or four hundred be made up, he can take it west without waiting for others, unless the accession will be considerable and speedily made. Should a second party of

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from two to five hundred be made up, you will go west with it; but a smaller number may, if it can overtake the body that preceded it before crossing the Mississippi, be put in charge of an inferior assistant. These matters are left very much at your discretion. I leave them and the above directions for emigration, more as general hints than as precise instructions. You must judge of the expediency of the course to be taken at any time; but, let it be always marked by a great degree of vigor, for without that quality is infused into the emigration, it will become languid & spiritless, and success may be very questionable.

Should it become necessary, during the separation of the Disbursing agent from you, that disbursements be made, he will transfer to you a sufficient sum of money to meet probable demands; and you will pursue strictly the directions given him for his government. Your accounts will subsequently be made up as a part of his.

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I nominate, by direction of the Secy of War, two persons who will be employed as soon as there may be occasion for their services. Doctor F. W. Miller residing at Erie, Pennsylvania, will, if he accepts the appointment, act as assistant Conductor and perform, besides, any duties that may be required of him as a Physician. You will please address him a letter as soon as you receive this, enquiring if he will hold himself in readiness. Mr. N. A. Speer will be employed in any capacity you choose, at two dollars per day. I have offered the appointment of Assistant Agent to Capt. Wm. Gordon of St. Louis Mo. This gentleman will, if he accepts, be the first person to be called into service, while I presume may be immediately necessary. The Department has great confidence in his energy & capability, and would be willing, provided your leaving the Agency (would be detrimental to the service) may be approved by the Secretary of War, that you should give the conduct to him, that he should remain behind for the purpose of advancing the steps towards a removal. Otherwise, he will remain and carry into execution the designs of the Department as developed in the first pages of these instructions, which he would be able to do in a systematic manner, rendering his accounts as directed in the preceding paragraph, you are directed to do.

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Col Nix

No inferior agents will be appointed by this Department. When you absolutely require aid you will procure it at rates not exceeding in any instance the pay of an Assistant Conductor. The Interpreters Hunter will be retained for short periods at the usual pay per day; unless it should be more advantageous to hire them for longer periods, and they can be procured at from 40 to 60 Dollars per month. No recruiting agents will be appointed, the mode of enrolment does not require them. Connected with this subject and with the accounts much information and mode of transacting the business generally, much information will be found in the Circulars now sent to you. I also furnish you with a copy of the printed Regulations and of Capt. Russell's instructions.

It is not required that I should now enter more into detail. Much must be trusted to the fidelity with which the Department has my confidence, you will the duties of your Office. But I will express the hope, sincerely entertained, that every step taken in pursuance of these instructions may be characterized by a regard for economy as compatible with the nature of the duties to be performed will admit.

Capt Russell will be provided with funds;

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The Regulations require frequent reports. You will make them as often as circumstances require; and let them be full and circumstantial.

G.G.

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Col. J. J. W. Owen,
March 25. 1835.

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Col. T. J. W. Owen,

March 28. 1835,

Emigration Instructions

The Regulations require prompt reports. You will make them as often as circumstances require; and let them be free from circumstantiality.

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Capt: J. B. F. Russell,
Disbg. Agt. ~~Pottawatamies of Illinois~~
Chicago Potawatamies
" Washington

March 25th 1835.

Sir,

You will proceed ~~forthwith~~ by way of Detroit M. T. ~~and Huron~~ to Chicago, for the purpose of cooperating with Col. J. V. Owen, Superintendt. of the removal of the Indians who have agreed to go West, under the provisions of the treaty ~~made at~~ of Chicago in September 1833.

The second article of the Treaty provides for an exploring expedition of not more than fifty persons; and Col. Owen will be directed to make the arrangements with the persons selected to compose the party, by which the time of starting &c. may be known. You will also have the general Conduct of the party, but you will accompany it as Disbursing Agent, for which duty rules will be laid down in these instructions.

~~At Detroit~~ you will procure all the articles provided for in the ~~enclosed~~ list, except the horses, which may be procured wherever, upon due enquiry, you may ~~deem~~ be able to get them advantageously.

You will procure the articles provided for in the enclosed list wherever, upon due enquiry, you may be able to get them most advantageously. And in order that you may know what precisely to purchase, for the number of the party may not be so great as that provided for by the treaty, you will correspond with the Superintendent who will furnish you with the desired information

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You will give ten days' notice, in the Detroit papers, for proposals, and make a contract with some respectable dealer for the supplying of all the articles allended to at Chicago, within reasonable times; which are previous Correspondence with the Superintendent will enable you to specify.

The whole equipment will be distributed as Col Owen may deem advisable; and, as he will be made responsible for every article composing it, he will give you a detailed receipt for all.

You will make your disbursements on written requisitions, if before starting; and afterwards under the verbal directions of the Superintendent, who will on your return certify to the Abstracts of expenditures.

The accounts will be kept in the same manner as those of the Emigration of Indians; you are therefore referred to the Circulars connected with the Emigration Instructions, in which you will find much that will have an important bearing upon the varied and minute transactions incident to the exploring party.

You will not be able to keep a rations acct. The disbursements will perhaps always be for provision packed on horses, [illegible] allowed except to agents. Indeed, you will pursue such a course of economy as will ensure [illegible] an expenditure within the sums appropriated for this object, which must not [illegible] the amount of rations for the time employed in traveling. In the latter case you will be exceeded

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be compelled to submit to the ordinary charges of the Country. But it is ~~to~~ be wished that you may be able ~~to~~ more than to pursue such a course of economy, as will at least ensure an expenditure within the sum at your Command for this object — and without some degree of success in your efforts at good management, it is feared you will scarcely have funds to ~~carry the effect~~ meet the demands of the Service.

Your Deputy Return will shew this disposition with great exactness, so that, you may be able upon your return to shew the

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Capt: Rufsee

The greatest practicable degree of economy, consistent with the end in view, will be observed, and the utmost particularity in everything connected with the disbursement of money.

The amount of money appropriated by law for the exploring party by Congress, is $9,453.00. The aggregate expenditure may exceed this. But it is calculated that an amount sufficient to restore the excess of expenditure may be realized from the sale of the property on the return of the party. The property returns will exhibit in detail the distribution, made by Col: Owen, and also the property restored to you, with the deficient particulars by loss or wear.

It is remarked in Col Owen's instructions, that it is believed from the time occupied by other exploring parties, this one will not consume more than seventy days. The allowance is very great, considering that the expedition have had in view the choice of a country, which has only to examine a country already determined on. Some reduction in expenditure may grow out of this consideration

The Treasurer of the United States will place to your credit two thousand dollars in the Detroit Bank at Detroit

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You will make your Reports to me full and frequent - stating every thing that may be of interest to the Department as calculated to enable it to understand the progress and operations of the duty confided to you

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Capt. J. B. F. Russell's
Engl. Instructions
March 25, 1835

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You will make your Reports to me full and frequent - stating every thing that may be of interest to the Department & calculated to enable it to understand the principles and operations of the Survey conducted by you

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Capt J. B. F. Russell's
Expl. Party instructions
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Capt: J. B. F. Russell
Disbg Agt Chicago Potawatta
" Washington City.

Sir,

The copy of the instructions to the Superintendent, Col. Owen, which I inclose, will be your guide in the removal of the Potawatamies &c under the Treaty made at Chicago. The Circular will furnish you with very useful direction in making up your accounts and with regard to other matters connected with pecuniary expenditures.

I give you, in addition, the following brief instructions:

I am solicitous that the Superintendent and yourself should most cordially and heartily cooperate. Let every thing be prosecuted with a perfect understanding between you. Should this be the case, and I do not doubt it will, there will be one great point secured in the scheme of operations.

It will be seen that I contemplate the possibility of your being detached from the Superintendent, that you may go west and leave him behind, to follow or not as circumstances may require. And that I authorize him to make disbursements. Should the transfer of funds be required ~~in such case~~, you will transfer such sum to him, ~~from which he will account to you~~, as may be sufficient to meet the demands of the service. It will be proper for you to point out to him the mode of keeping

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keeping his papers, so that they may be readily settled on your joining him. This will always be done. If, in carrying out my instructions to him, it should become necessary to entrust funds to the hands of a third person, let the amount be not more than may be enough to meet the probable demands of the occasion; and you will take care to instruct such person, as far as practicable, how to keep his accounts. The Superintendent will receipt to you for all such transfers. Capt. Gordon, should he accept the appointment of Asst. Agent, may be considered as an exception to this rule, because he is a man in whom the Department has great confidence from the manner in which he has heretofore performed duties confided to him. But, you may, notwithstanding, be able to enlighten him as to the mode of accountability; and he will be expected when entrusted with funds to carry strictly into effect the instructions of this office. The ~~expenditures~~ of the Superintendent & others, will be made a part of your account for the Quarters in which they may have respectively made.

The Superintendent may ~~either~~ employ either wagons or packhorses, or both. If he employs ~~wagons, altho' he is to have, there may will be many Indian ponies~~ packhorses, he is directed, by way of encouragement to hire the Indian ponies if suitable for the purpose. Great care will be requisite to accomplish this properly. The owners of the ponies will be enrolled and the price per day be placed opposite to each. There will be a column for remarks (among other things) showing the performance of each. The same course will be taken if other packhorses are hired.

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Ruffalo.

As soon as you are acquainted with the route intended to be travelled, and the mode of transportation, you will make such arrangements as may be called for. It is believed that you will not be able to make contracts for the delivering Operating, and that you will be obliged to pack all the subsistence you may need. It will be highly proper for you to ascertain at what points it may be purchased, and whether contracts for such quantities in bulk may, from time to time, be needed on both sides of the Mississippi, can be entered into with respectable individuals. If this can be done it will be perfectly safe for all the parties to take the same direction. The evidences required in such a case will be where you are not present, and the contractor is not paid by the person obtaining articles for him will be the receipt of the agent, supported by regular bills of parcels. Where provisions are issued in the manner above referred to, it will be proper to take care that it be not wasted, and that the whole quantity procured do not exceed that required for the travel.

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Raffell

I have directed the Superintendent to see that the indians are carefully enrolled. I will add here that the utmost importance is attached to this; and, you will use all your efforts to have the rolls accurately made and properly Kept. It will be remembered that as soon as a party arrives west the rolls will be corrected, a copy left with the agent, and the original transmitted to this office.

No subsistence need be provided for the emigrants by you for a day longer than their arrival in their new Country; arrangements will be made by which they will be there subsisted under contract: what the day of arrival may be known, it will be inserted on the roll.

As much precision as possible will be expected in the execution of your duties. Let nothing be left undone to make your vouchers for expenditures clear, and the necessity for those expenditures satisfactory. The journal of occurrences which every agent having Charge of a party should Keep, will tend much to the understanding of the accounts — Inculcate therefore care in that respect.

The Treasurer of the U. States will place to your credit in the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Detroit a sum

Yer

Sir, (Rupell)

Ten thousand dollars on account of emigration; your accounts for which will be kept separate from those of the exploring expedition.

You will make full and detailed reports of your movements; and advise me of every thing of interest connected with the duties of your appointment.

J.C.

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Capt: L. B. F. Russell

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Copies G. O.

March 25th 1835.

Col. J. F. W. Owen
Superintendt Removal Chicago Potawatamies
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir, The Secy of War having conferred upon you the appointment of Superintendt. of the removal of indians, under the Chicago treaty; it becomes my duty to give you the following instructions.

The treaty provides for an exploring deputation of "not more than fifty persons, to be accompanied by not more than five individuals to be nominated" by the indians. The first step to be taken in the performance of your functions under this new appointment, will be to organize the exploring deputation. As it is contemplated to make a considerable removal of emigrants during the present year (from among) those indians, and the result of the examination by the explorers being calculated upon as an additional inducement to emigration, you will start early. The organization of the party is left with you; and the means of transportation and outfit, according to the enclosed list, will be furnished by Capt. J. B. F. Russell, Disbursing Agent, who will accompany you for the purpose of making the disbursements. That officer will leave this city in a few days for Detroit, where he will procure every thing except the horses, - these he will get at such points as they may be procured, of good quality, on the most reasonable terms.

When the party is completely organized, you will send me a list or roll of the individuals composing it.

During ~~the~~ journey your ~~will keep a memorandum book~~ a journal of occurrences will show every incident of importance that transpires; and it will give the number of miles travelled daily, places of stopping &c. This book will be transmitted to me on your return.

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On the subject, & soon after the receipt of this as possible so that nothing more may be purchased than is necessary.

$2 per day, which will not be exceeded, and if their services can be procured Mr. Custis for less.

The property purchased by Capt. Russell will, immediately on its arrival at Chicago, be placed at your disposal; and you will distribute it in accordance with your views. But, as there may be less than fifty persons in the deputation, and he having orders to procure equipments for that number, it will be proper for you, should this be the case, to communicate with him at Detroit on the subject. There are five persons named in the treaty who may accompany the Indians, and who are to be selected by them. The estimate, hereunto, provides you with provisions for but four, and one of these is an interpreter. These persons are estimated at wages of $2.50 per day; with this they will find their own horses, but they may be furnished by you. There are eight pack horses provided for in the estimate, one or two more may be purchased, if believed to be absolutely necessary; but it would be desirable in this, as in every thing else, to confine yourself very closely to the mere wants of the expedition. Ninety days are laid down as the length of time it may take you to explore the country destined for the Potawatamies & the west of the Mississippi. That it will not occupy more, is fair to infer from the time occupied by other parties. But if, during your progress, you find that you may be gone longer, it will be very proper to make favorable and shorter your contemplated delays. The average daily expense for subsistence & horsefeed for each individual is put at $1.25/100. This has been thought sufficient. You will endeavor by all means not to exceed it. The contingent expenses are estimated at $500.00. This is to cover shoeing, Doctor's bills, ferriages &c.

The property on your return will be sold. The estimate will show you the calculation made of what it will bring. The Indians will most probably unwillingly part with their saddlebags and blankets; if so, they may be suffered to retain them, but nothing else. All the property being charged to you at cost

as it is placed in your charge by the Disbursing Agt, you will see the necessity of keeping a watchful eye over it, so that you will be able to account for the whole. A fruitful source of expenditure may be found in the loss occurring on exchanges of Money on the route. It will be proper therefore to make out a list of such of the losses occurring in the case of each individual. Precautions of this kind will prove satisfactory hereafter.

A copy of Captain Russell's instructions on the foregoing subject, will be found herewith. They will shew you what are his duties in the exploring expedition. It is trusted that you and that Gentleman will cooperate with the determination, mutually, to aid each other to the full extent of your abilities.

You will make your reports to me, prior to commencing your journey and during its progress, as frequently as may be required by the business in hand, or as may be convenient.

By my instructions of this day on the subject of Emigration, it will be seen that it is left optional with you either to execute the foregoing yourself, or to transfer the Conduct of the deputation to Capt Wm Tudor. In this case he will act under these instructions, with such additional limitations as you may deem proper & think demanded by the interests of the United States.

Coe J. J. Owens

Exploring party Rocky

March 25. 1835

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Col. J. B. Hogan

25th March 1835.

Copied by
J.H.W.

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March 25. 1835.

Col. J.B. Morgan
Mobile Alab.a

Sir.

I have this day received your letter of the 10th Inst: enclosing one from the Hon: Mr. Murphey to you, written from this city, and offering you the situation of the President & Secy of War to appoint you Superintendent of the Creek Removal, and of the difficulties that were in the way of this the attendance.

I have shewn your letter and the enclosures to the Secretary of War, who directs me to say that your appointment has been made conditional upon your relieving yourself from the pressing charge against you on the books of the Treasury, amounting as I understand to about $2.500=

I seize this opportunity of saying, that I believe you are thoroughly convinced of, that your acceptance of the office would give me great pleasure; for I feel entire confidence in your ability, in all respects, to promote the interests

of the Department, in a recent case do unfortunately abound & or overlooked. And I trust before the receipt of this that you have made arrangements to attend upon those duties of the Department

GB.

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Copied by [illegible]

March 23. 1833

Isaac Cave Johnston
Washington City

Sir

Your note of yesterday is
at hand. You state that Col Yancey, [illegible] employed as
an Agent in the Removal of Indians, is indebted to
You one hundred dollars, for which you have his note;
and request that some arrangement may be made, to
[illegible], by which this money
could be paid to you. You are not at liberty to [illegible]
any such arrangement: for Col Yancey has already deposited
in the files of this Office, a power of attorney in favour of Col. R.
Johnson & the Hon C. Lynn [illegible] and his pay for
one year. And he may not be employed longer than that period
until a [illegible] fifteen hundred dollars is [illegible]

as his employment depends
~~the dependency~~ entirely on the contingencies of the negotiations of
Indians. Lest Money may be addressed at the
Seminole agency Florida—

B. J.

1839.
Hon. Gov. Johnson
23d March 1836.—

Capt. Gad. Humphreys

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Seminole Agency Florida—

B. J.

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Hon. Rane Johnson
23d March 1836.—

Capt. Gardiner

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Circular
to
Disbursing Agents.
21st March 1835.

Nine copies made by L.H.W.

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Circular

Emigration of Indians
Office Com.y Gen.l Subsistence
March 21st 1835.

Sir,

Enclosed is an Order from the Adjutant General's Office containing the Secretary of War's decision based upon the opinion of the Attorney General, as to the effect of a proviso to an Act of Congress passed on the 3rd. March 1835. The words of the proviso are:

"That no Officer of the Army shall receive any per cent or additional pay, extra allowance or compensation in any form whatever on account of the disbursing any public money appropriated by law during the present Session, for fortifications, execution of surveys, works of National improvement, building of arsenals, purchase of public supplies of any description, or for any other service or duty whatsoever, unless authorized by law". It is decided that the Disbursing Officers in the removal of Indians, come within the terms of this enactment.

It will be seen by the Order that the only allowance that can be made them is their "actual traveling expenses."

This operation of the Proviso, is particularly

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particularly to be regretted. These Officers have an
a responsible duty, requiring the most devoted attenti
most untiring efforts in the effecting its succesfull
performance. I am aware too, that the latitude
allowed to the words "actual expenses" will not co
=pensate the disbursing Officers for even the extra ex
incident to his appointment. It may be well, howe
to inform you, that the proviso is understood to have
made no part of the bill as originally reported
it was introduced at the very last stage of the
Session; and the Department knew not of its existence
the publication of the Act. Had the introduction of it
been known, efforts (doubtless successful ones) would
been made to exhibit its disadvantageous and unequa
operation.

Circular.
2nd March 1821.

The object of the Department is
assure the disbursing Officers, that it will at the
Session of Congress pursue such a course, as may
calculated to reinstate them in those emoluments
which they are now deprived, or at least, adequa
to reward them for the labors and responsibilities
which they are subjected.

The emoluments heretofore
will be allowed them until the 3rd March
addition to their pay in the line will be their "actual travelling

Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt

The above Circular was addressed to the following Disbursing Officers:

Lt. S. Vanstorne,
Dist. Agt. Cherokees.
Fort Gibson. A. T.

Capt. I. B. F. Rupell,
Dis. Agt. Chicago Potawatomies.
Washington City.

Lt. M. W. Batman,
Dist. Agt. Cher. East
Calhoun, Tenn.

K. I. P. Simonton,
Dis. Agt Loganeport Potawatomies
Washington City.

Lt. I. R. Stephenson,
Dist. Agent,
Fort Towson.

Lt. I. W. Moore,
Dist. Agt.
Choct. Agency West.

Lieut. I. W. Harris,
Dist. Agent,
Fort King, F.

Capt. Jacob Brown,
Pois. Dist. Agent
Little Rock, A. T.

Capt. John Page,
Dist. Agt. Creeks,
Mobile, Ala.

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Hon Lew Cass
Sec'y War

March 21. 1835.

Sir

I have the honor to ~~request~~ state that I have, in Compliance with your directions, ordered Lt Manies to perform the duties required by the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs ~~dated the 21st inst~~ of this date. But, as I am very doubtful whether he will have time to attend to this duty; I request that an order may issue, by which, should this be the Case, another officer may be detailed to perform ~~this~~ it.

I am
Sir
Your obt Servt
G. Gibson.

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Lieut. S. W. Harris

21st March 1835.

Copied by
S.W.H.

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copied by J.D.W.

March 21. 1835.

Lt. Geo W. Harris
Disby Agt Seminoles
Seminole Agency Florida

Sir.

You will receive instructions from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to pay annuities & make other disbursements for the Indians in Florida" Should this duty not interfere with your duties as Disbursing Agent, you will perform it, but if it does interfere, you will request Gen Clinch to appoint some other officer to relieve you, which you will report, whereupon I have the authority of the Secretary of War for having it done.

Matters of correspondence or accounts may be received under the Instructions alluded to, will be kept separate from those of mere of Subsistence.

G.G.

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Lieut. M. H. Batman

21st March 1835.

Copied by
F.W.W.

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March 21. 1835.

Lt. M. W. Batman,
Dist. Agt. Cherokees East
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

The Secretary of War directs that you make the disbursements for relinquished improvements. You will do this under the direction of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs whose instructions will be sent to you.

The Correspondence and Accounts connected with the business will, of course, be kept entirely separate from those of the Indian Emigration.

[signature]

March 21st 1835.

Hon: Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Nine thousand four hundred and fifty three dollars may be deposited to the credit of Capt J. B. F. Russell, Disbg. Agt., in the Manhattan Bank ~~at Detroit~~, out of Appropriation for removal and subsistence of Indians, per act making appropriations for Indian Annuities &c. approved 3d March 1835, for which he will be accountable.

$9,453.00

Chicago Potawatamie Expdn
Expedition

W.B. Lewis Esqr.
2d. Auds. Treasy Dpt.

March 21st. 1835.

Sir.

I transmit you for settlement Capt W.B. F. Russell's acct for expenditures making the Seminoles. They are approved by me.

G.G.

Mark- "Substitutes for letter ... page 1 mark that letter "Expended" with a reference to this. E

March 20th. 1835.

To
Hogan
Superintendt. Rem. Creeks
Alab.a

Sir,

The appointment of Superintendent of the removal of the Creeks from Alabama, having been confered upon you by the Secretary of War, it will be the object of these instructions to give you the details of your duty; for a more general view of which I refer you to the printed Regulations.

You must be aware that during the last fall and winter the agents of this government have been employed in the Creek country for the purpose of inducing an emigration; and that the efforts then made resulted in very limited success. The causes which led to this result need not be adverted to now, but for the purpose of this simple remark: The Indians may be prejudiced by the ineffectual operations alluded to, ~~and the list~~ every effort, therefore, must be taken to alter their right. They must be convinced that the government is in earnest and that the consequences derived from the effects of the measures ~~of~~ will lead to ~~pacification~~ better calculated in every respect to attain the end in view.

The active operations must begin early in the Summer; it is therefore desirable that you proceed to the Creek country by or before the first of May, and that you continue in that country during the whole progress of the incipient arrangements. The Disbursing Agent, Captain Jno Page will if he shall have returned from the western Creek country, and will join you at such point as you may designate. Letters addressed to him at Mobile, to which city he has been directed to repair, and he will co-operate with you in the duty now confided to your Superintendence.

I need scarcely urge you to attempt, in the outset, to make yourself ~~thoroughly~~ as practicable acquainted with the leading men of the Indians, and to gain their confidence. The policy of this course,-its necessity indeed, is obvious. You will represent to them the disadvantages under which they and their people labor by lingering in a country over which they have surrendered, ~~by leaving~~ all their rights; and the great advantages that must arise from an emigration to the new country assigned to their tribes, which is much more fertile than that they now occupy, and possessing situation entirely adapted to their habits. That they may become a healthy and prosperous people. Here, they must inevitably sink lower and lower into the most abject and degraded condition. ~~This~~ You will remind them of the advancements which those of their tribes who removed in former years, have made in agriculture; that they raise large surpluses of corn, which they sell at good prices to the government and to traders; and that their condition is every way satisfactory to themselves and that they are rapidly improving. You will add, that the government has now deposited west of the Mississippi the rifles and blankets stipulated by treaty to be furnished to them.

By the time Capt. Page arrives you will have been able to satisfy yourself of the proper time for making a commencement in the enrolling of the Indians. You will fix with that officer upon the proper places and establishments for the purpose of receiving, during which rations may be issued to the emigrants. As soon as a party of five hundred can be got together let it proceed under the conduct of a suitable person whose appointment will be hereafter provided for. But if it will be equally convenient for two or more parties of five hundred to start at the same time, so as to proceed together, this will be preferred, and in that case the Disbursing Agent will accompany them, whilst you will remain behind to organize and despatch other parties. This matter of arranging the collection and departures of the parties must be mainly a matter of discretion with you. The above rules for assistance to impress you with my wish that nothing ~~which~~ should be kept for delay, and that the ~~expe~~ expeditious manner should characterize the operations of the service

The route will be that recently travelled by Capt. Page. When it is clear that the emigrants may speedily begin to assemble, that officer will, upon your requisition, proceed to close his contracts which he will be instructed previously to have advertised for proposals. The ration will consist of any three of the articles composing it, mentioned in the Regulations, page 8. that you may choose; and it will be delivered by Contractors at such points as may be agreed upon between yourself and the disbursing agent. The transportation will also be procured by him, on your requisition. As the travel will be by land, waggons and teams will of course be the only means of transportation to be procured. The Regulations shew the number &c, see page 5. The indian ponies may be fed a half ration, if they carry a load.

The Enrolling of the indians is a most important thing. See the Regulations page 6. You will take the greatest care that the Muster rolls exhibit precisely the numbers with which you start; and every change that takes place by deaths births, desertions &c will be noted on them. When a party is enrolled and on its way, additions may be made to it of emigrants not belonging to any other party, but parties which have been enrolled must in all respects be kept separate; and when they march, will always be several miles apart. The rolls will show the number of warriors who are entitled to receive a rifle. The rule is to consider those warriors who were sixteen years old at the date of the treaty, viz the 24th April 1832.

X Let Mr Stanton's appointment of last year likewise be considered as still in existence, and he may be called into service ~~when his actually needed for duty before~~ or when the exigencies demand his aid, and not before.

The operations of your Superintendency will extend to the Mississippi river at Memphis. From that place west Wm Armstrong Esq will take the direction. The persons employed ~~under your~~ will go to the new Country with their respective detachments.

At Memphis each party as it arrives will be remustered, and the rolls corrected. Stragglers ~~from parties who have preceded~~ may there be taken up and enrolled with the proper remarks.

~~A large force~~ I present the determination of the Secy of War to make no appointments of a subordinate character. ~~X~~ When other assistance is actually needed you are authorized to procure it. I am under the impression that agents of no higher grade than those called Assistant conductors need be employed; and I would urge you to avoid making any appointments until you are fully justified by circumstances, and ~~that~~ to appoint no persons who are not actual intelligent men of ~~good~~ unexceptionable habits and character. The rule as to this and other matters will be found in the Circular ~~enclosed herein~~.

I wished by all means have you pursue your instructions strictly. Where discretionary power may seem not to glow fairly out of them, use it but sparingly ~~without~~ consulting this Department. ~~Let~~ Let your whole course be marked by the utmost kindness and conciliation; but above all be economical. The expenses of Indian removal are necessarily very great, but ~~the~~ a strictly economical and prudent course ~~has~~ will ~~always~~ result in a great saving to the United States. And I will remark here that a numerous body of agents is the greatest source of expenditure, besides being, ~~in that respect~~, very detrimental to vigor and efficiency of action. The ~~best~~ acquaintance of the Disbg Agt with, from a hearty cooperation between them, the best results.

A copy of the Disbg agent's instructions & of the Circular above alluded to with the printed Regulations will be found herewith.

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District Attorney
South. Dist. Alabama.
20th March 1833.

copied by
J.W.C.

copied by J.H.C.

March 20th. 1835

To

District Attorney Southern Dist. Alab.a
Mobile

Sir, The Secretary of War wrote to you on the 11th. Inst. and enclosed the appointment of Superintendent of the Creek removal, the blank in the address of which was to be filled up, in certain contingencies, with the name of one of two gentlemen Citizens of the State of Alabama. therein mentioned. I transmit to you to day the Specific instructions for the gentleman who may, under the circumstances of the case, be entitled to them. Be pleased to give them the proper direction.

J.G.

copied by [illegible] J.O.

March 20th 1835.

Majr Wm Armstrong Esqr.
Supt: Removal Indians
Nashville Tenn:

Sir, On the 13th December ultº, I addressed you by direction of the Secretary of War, suspending your appointment in the removal of Indians. I have now to apprise you that your services will be demanded west of the Mississippi during the present year, in the removal of certain of the Seneca tribes, particularly the Seminoles and Creeks. You will, therefore, proceed without delay to Little Rock, where Captain Brown & yourself will act conjointly in this business. To that officer particular instructions will be given, a copy of which will be furnished to you.

Your first duty will be to accompany the Seminoles from Rock Roe, where they may be expected to arrive early in May, to their new Country. These Indians will be under the Control of Gen. Harris, Disby. agt. And as you will have made yourself thoroughly acquainted with the country, and

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Wm. Armstrong Esq.

20th March 1835.

Copied by
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will have understood perfectly well the arrangements to be
made to transfer these Indians after the ratification of the treaty, & you will be enabled to
under most effectual service).

(Further instructions are not now deemed necessary.
Your operations with the Creeks will be regulated hereafter.

I refer you for some matters of detail in the Dispatch,
accounts, and whole affectable agents, to the Circular herewith

I deem it proper to say that the most
rigid course of economy will be expected from you.
No agents whatever will be appointed by you, unless under special
authority; and where a laborer, an interpreter or a cooper is
employed let it be for at the lowest rate and for the shortest
time compatible with the public interest.

G.G.

ORIGINALS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

copied by L.H.W.

March 20. 1835.

Lt J. VanHorne
Disbg Agt Choctaw Ind
Fort Gibson

Sir, I have rec'd your letter of the 27 Jany & 3d Feby. They will be attended to more particularly hereafter. I send you to day sundry blanks by your request: a list of which is on the other side.

I am &c.

List of Blanks

3 Completed Letts of Govt Agt.
72 short & 36 long Bills
6 Contracts of Treaty
3 Extracts of Treaty

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March 2d. 1835.

Capt. W.B. Fr. Russell
Disbg. Agt
Washington City

Sir,

You account for forage &c
with Seminole as Disbg. Agt. the Seminoles has been examined and
found correct. The Treasury will advance you on this account
$ 503 73/100.

G.G.

March 20th 1835.

Hon Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Five hundred and three dollars and seventy three cents may be advanced to Capt. G.B. F. Russell Disbursing Agent, out of appropriation for Removal and Subsistence of Indians, per act making appropriations for Indian Annuities approved 3d. March 1835, for which he will be accountable.

G.B.

$503 73/100

Seminoles

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The Secretary of War

to

Lieut. G. A. Rains

March 19th 1835.

Washington
March 19. 1835

Sir

Your letter of the 12 Inst was rec'd sometime since but the pressure of other duties has prevented me from giving it an earlier Answer

Under ordinary circumstances I should not think it proper to communicate to an Officer any reason which might have led to a change of his post or duties. And this for reasons which will readily occur to you. But the Application which you have made in this instance seems to me to justify a departure from the general rule & to call for a full & frank Answer.

The matter had passed wholly from my recollection until after the rec't of your letter I applied to Genl Gibson personally to know the reasons which led to your being relieved from the duty in which you were engaged connected with the

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removal of the Ind.s. He then brought the subject to my recollection, It appears that the reasons for this change were merely that your manner was not so courteous as was desirable & that therefore among the persons with whom you were brought into contact ~~unfavorable~~ was deepened by the prejudices which were excited by this circumstance. I have not the remotest recollection that there was the slightest charge against your character or conduct as an Officer or a Gent: Nor is there the least impression on my mind unfavorable to you in those respects.

That part of your letter which respects Major Armstrong contains an intimation which it is due to that Gent. should be inquired into. A copy of so much of it as appeals him has been sent for his information. +

The Accompd. letter fr. the Comm. Gen. Sub. explains the circumstances connected with the state of your a/cs

Very Respt.
Lewis Cass

Lieut. J. Rains
U. S. A.
Fort Gibson

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Maj. Gen. Jesup.
Marcd. 18. 1835.

Copy Lett. B

Maj. Gen. Jesup.
dated. 18. 1835.

Copy Lett. B

March 1835.

Maj Gen T. S. Jesup
Q Mr Gen

Sir. I am about to make a contract for Indian rifles, and it is necessary that specimens should be procured and deposited in Philad. for the examination of those desposed to bid. I will you be pleased to instruct Maj Genl Henry Atkinson to Maj Enos Mackay to receive my directions upon the subject

Respectfully
Your obt Servt

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Majr. Genl. MacKay

Jno. Mather

Phila.

March 18th, 1835

Copied by JO

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Major ~~Capt~~ Lieut Maclay 2d Mr.
~~Lieut Callender Ordnance~~
Cont'y Gen'l Knachery
Philad'a

March 18. 1835.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of War to request you to procure from the factories of Mr. Deringer & Mr. Tryon in Philadelphia, ~~some rifles~~ Specimen rifles for the purpose of examination on the part of those, who may wish to bid under the advertisement of this office for Indian supplies, published in a few days in the papers of Philadelphia.

The rifles will be selected from among those which the manufacturers above named have made for the Indians. It is understood that there are ~~two~~ two lengths & two sizes in bore. It will be proper to have one of each, so that there may be taken four rifles from each manufacturer.

If either of those persons should get the contract the remaining rifles furnished by him may be a part of the delivery. Should the contract be given to another they must make rifles to conform to the specimens.

I would be glad if you would report to me upon the respective merits of the rifles of the respective manufacturers

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March 17. 1835.

Major Henry Stanton
Depot Master, N. York

Sir, I am directed by the Secy of War to request you to procure three Mackinaw Blankets of the best quality, to be kept in your office for the purpose of examination by such person as may be designated to bid for the advertisement of this office, which you will speedily find in the Evening Post & the Times Enquirer of your City.

The blankets will be of the following description

3½ point to weigh not less than 9 lbs per pair
3 point to weigh 8 lbs 3 oz per pair
2½ point to weigh 6½ lbs

The proposals will be sent to me, and you will be informed of the result as the wish of the Secretary, that the inspection of the blankets delivered should be made under your direction; and that you should certify to their agreeing in quality with the specimens & accepted for the several qualities; and that you should ship them to their place of destination, as to which further instructions will be given you

G.G.

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Form of Contract for
furnishing Ploughs, Looms,
Wheels and Cards. sent
to Capt. J. B. Taylor. per
letter dated - 17 March 1835

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made on the ~~10th day of~~ 11th ~~August~~ ——— eighteen hundred and thirty five between Joseph P. Taylor of the one part, and ~~John H. Templeton of Louisville in the State of Kentucky~~ ——— of the other part.

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the said Joseph P. Taylor ——— for and on behalf of the **United States of America** and the said ~~John H. Templeton~~ ——— for ~~himself his~~ ——— heirs, executors, and administrators, have mutually agreed, and by these presents, do mutually covenant and agree to and with each other, in manner following, to wit:

1st. That the said ~~John H. Templeton~~ shall furnish to the said Joseph P. Taylor, on or before the ~~twentieth day of July~~, eighteen hundred and thirty five, the ~~following named~~ articles named below.

2nd. The articles to be furnished are

99 One hundred Ploughs
19 Twenty Looms
19 Twenty Spinning Wheels and
Forty pairs of Cards,

3d. The said ~~John H. Templeton~~ further agrees, that the aforesaid ploughs, looms and wheels shall be constructed of the best materials, to wit of the kinds used in certain specimen plough and loom and wheel, deposited in the warehouses of ~~Smith Case & Co in the city of Louisville~~, and that the workmanship shall be done in the best manner; and that the Cards shall be, one half of Number 6 wool cards; and one half of Number 10 Cotton cards.

4th. The said Joseph P. Taylor, agrees to pay to the said ~~John H. Templeton~~ the prices below, for the articles above named respectively:

For each plough,	dollars and	cents
For each Loom	dollars and	Cents
For each Spining Wheel	dollars and	Cents
For each pair of Cards		cents

Provided, that no payment shall be made until inspection and delivery which shall take place in the city of ~~Louisville~~; and that said inspection be made by a person or persons to be agreed upon by the parties; and that articles rejected as insufficient be immediately supplied at the expense of said ~~Templeton~~; and that

5th. The said ~~John H. Templeton further agrees~~ to put the articles above named in good and sufficient shipping order, by boxing, packing and ~~forwarding~~; and that he pay all expenses incident to said inspection, packing and delivery

That the United States will be responsible for no accidents arising under, or growing out of, the foregoing Stipulations.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have hereuntoplaced their hands and seals the day and date above written

WITNESSES.



Know all Men by these Presents,

That We

and

are held and firmly bound to the United States of America, in the Sum of

Dollars,

lawful Money of the United States, for which Payment, well and truly to be made, **We bind Ourselves,** and each of us, our, and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, for and in the whole, jointly and severally firmly by these Presents.

Sealed with our Seals—dated the day of in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty

The **CONDITION** of this **OBLIGATION** is such, That if the above bounden

Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, or any of them, shall and do in all things well and truly observe, perform fulfil, accomplish, and keep, all and singular the Covenants, Conditions and Agreements whatsoever, which on the part of the said

Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, are, or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled, accomplished and kept, comprised or mentioned in certain Articles of Agreement or Contract, bearing date

one thousand eight hundred and thirty between

and the said

concerning

according

to the true intent and meaning of the said **Articles of Agreement or Contract**—then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

In Presence of

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copied by L. Wash.

March 17th 1835.

Capt L. P. Taylor
Commissary of Subs.
Louisville Ky.

Sir, You will please to publish the inclosed advertisement in two papers in Louisville and Cincinnati, for three weeks, thrice a week.

* (See page 1½ - comma in here)

The contracts will be given to the lowest responsible bidder. The bids will be opened at one time, by you in the presence of another disinterested person.

The abstracts of the bids will be made according to the form now sent you.

There will be, as you will perceive by the advertisement, two sets of bids: one for Axes, hoes & iron and steel; the other for Looms, wheels, ploughs & carts.

The calculations of each bid will be extended on the abstract and the smallest aggregate will be the lowest bid.

Contracts already are enclosed, as nearly in form as they can now be made.

The articles may be delivered at Louisville or Cincinnati (at both places) according as either may be the nearer to the Contractor's residence or place of manufacture.

When the articles are ready for delivery at Cincinnati, you will inspect them, and ship them for the Mouth of

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As soon as this is received you will have constructed a loom, a plough and a wheel as patterns. ~~The~~ The loom will be of the kind commonly used in the country, and made of the very best materials. It will have, ~~if you can get it to be constructed~~, cast iron ratch wheels, wrought iron catches, and iron screws for cross timbers. And, besides, two hand shuttles, two sets of reeds Nos. 4 & 6 hundred, and two sets of woolen heddles of the same numbers.

~~The wheel will be the Common large country Spinning wheel.~~ The wheel will be the common large country Spinning wheel, with a turned cast steel spindle and axle.

The Plough will be a middling size bar shear plough, of the very best construction, but of the common kind.

These three articles ~~must~~ may be constructed in exact conformity with the patterns; you will therefore see the necessity of getting them made by first rate workmen and of looking after them when in the Course of Construction

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You will inform me of any difficulty that may arise in the prosecution of this business, and occasionally of your progress in its performance.

A copy of the advertisement will be forwarded immediately & Copies of the Contracts will be forwarded as soon as they are made. and after the reception of which, instructions will be transmitted to you on the subject of the accounts to be rendered and the mode of settlement.

G.G.

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Capt S. P. Taylor

17. March 1835.

Copied by
L. H. W.

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copied by L. Clark.

March 17th. 1835.

Gen. Wm. Clark
Supt. Ind. Affairs
St Louis

Sir. I will thank you to advertise in a proper St Louis, for 2800 lbs of Lead in bars of about one pound, to be of good quality and delivered at Fort Leavenworth. This lead is intended for the Pawnee Loup and Grand Pawnee Nations, and price belonging to the Sioux Indians. As soon as the Contract is made please to forward a copy and the Account of money necessary to pay the Contractor shall be remitted to you.

Instructions as to the disposition to be made of the lead will be given hereafter.

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Lt. S. W. Harris,

17th March 1835.

Copied by
S.H.W.

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Copied by Ltr.

Th. G. W. Harris
Dist 9 Agt Seminoles
Washn DC

March 17. 1831

Sir,

Enclosed are your instructions for the disbursing of monies in the removal of the Seminoles. You will proceed to act under them without delay

Yrs.

Editors

17th March 1835.

Copied by J.H.W.

Editors

17th March 1835.

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copied by G.H.C.

March 17, 1883.

To the Editors of the Evening Post N. York.

Editor of the Times Troy

To the Editors of the Pennsylvania Philada

To the Editor of the American Sentinel Phila

Sirs:

Enclosed is an advertisement which please insert in your paper three times a week until the 10th. April. &

Send your bill to the office, directed thus:

"Emigration of Indians
Commissioner General Land Office
Washington City"

Respy &c
G.G.

1835	CHEROKEE (EMIGR)	C.A.HARRIS,ACTING SEC'Y OF WAR to B.F.CURREY & LT.M.W.BATMAN	(1ST: ADVISING EXTREME COURTESY IN DEALING WITH MILITARY ASSISTANTS, REL TO CALLING FOR FORCES. 2D:INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF THE SUPT OF EMIGR)

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Act.g Sec.y of War

to

Lt. M. T. Batman

June 23.d 1835.

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War Department
June 23d 1835

Sir

At the date of your appointment, as Disbursing Agent for the emigration of the Cherokees, a copy of the Regulations, approved by the President May 15. 1835, was transmitted to you. The 3d article of the 2d section of these Regulations prescribes, that "all persons appointed by the government, to aid in the business of removal, will report to & receive the instructions of the Special Agent." The 2d article of the 3d section prescribes, that "these officers" (the officers of the army, making disbursements,) "will carry into effect the instructions of the Special Agent."

The President directs that these articles of the Regulations shall be brought distinctly to your notice, & that you shall be required to comply with.

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their instructions you may receive from Major Currey, this Special Agent for the emigrations of the Cherokees. So far as they are in conformity with the general regulations, & the special directions of this Department. This course is absolutely essential, to unison[illegible] unity of design & action, & the success of your operations.

As disbursing Agent of Indian annuities, your first duty is to procure the necessary funds upon the warrant sent to you. The time & place of payment will be fixed by Major Currey, who is the Acting Indian Agent. When the Indians are assembled, you will, together with the Agent, ascertain from them to whom they wish the money to be paid, & the payment will be made accordingly. These duties, with the exception of that of procuring the funds, are to be performed conjointly with the Agent. And you will therefore not enter upon them, unless he is present, & at the time & place he may designate. Further instructions upon this sub

The Department urges upon you the necessity of your cordial

cooperation, with the agent, & careful
avoidance of every thing, that may be
~~construed~~ construed by the parties
opposed to the emigration, into
an encouragement of their measures.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
John C. Calhoun

Lt M. W. Ratmanoff

Subject were sent to you yesterday by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to which you will conform.

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Acting Sec.ʳ of War

to

Maj. B. F. Curry

23rd. June 1835.

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be ~~required~~ wanted, ~~on~~ the selection of the troops to be employed. ~~The~~ general directions of their movements will be left to him. ~~This~~

War Department
June 28. 1835

Sir.

I enclose copies of letters, addressed to the Commanding Officer at the Cherokee Agency, & to Lieut. Ratman. The authority given to you by the instructions to these officers is of a delicate & responsible character. It is entrusted to you, for the purpose of producing ~~harmony~~ concert of action between you & them. The President expects that you will exercise a sound judgment & discretion in the use you make of this authority. That you will cultivate a courteous & conciliatory intercourse with these gentlemen, & all others associated with you in official duty, & in all your communications to them & with them abstain from any act or expression that may give offence. The relation, now established between you & the officers of the Army, is a novel one to them. And you will perceive the propriety

*You will not call for the aid of the troops, except in the last resort, & when the circumstances, which have made it requisite, in your judgment, shall be of a character to justify a withdrawal of this aid. When you have determined upon the points at which your services will be required, you will communicate the designation of the officer [illegible]

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of giving to your requisitions the form of requests, ~~rather than~~ not of orders. Their compliance is not, & cannot be doubted. You must be sensible, how injuriously a feeling of disaffection towards yourself may operate on the public interest, & you will endeavor to avoid giving any just occasion for it. The same caution & prudence in your intercourse with the citizens of the States, & with the Indians will facilitate the successful execution of your duties.

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C. A. H
act[g] Secy

\# I have submitted this letter to the President, who has given it his sanction.

Major
Reinf[d] H. Currey
Supt Cher. emigration
Cherokee Agency
Georgia.

ROUGH DRAFT OF LETTERS FROM COM. GENERAL'S OFFICE

C.D.75.

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Capt. J. R. Stephenson

Dist. Agt. Chickasaws

Fort Gibson

Sept. 21st 1835

Capt. J. O.

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Copied J. O.

Sept 21. 1835

Capt. S. R. Stephenson,
Dirty ayr Creek
Fort Gibson

Sir: A letter has just been addressed to Lt. Sandham requesting the damaged rifles, powder &c. He will turn over to you such of those articles as are spoiled and unfit for issue, which you will sell at public sale and credit the amount of sales on your Creek account current.

Lt. Sandham having hitherto had charge of the Creek rifles and other articles, and been obliged to employ much time in investigations concerning them, it is thought proper that he should accomplish the task he has undertaken in regard to the rifles, and after their repair is completed to transfer them to you.

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Sept 16th 1835.

Capt W. McRae
U. S. army
Fort Snelling

Sir,

It appears that in the ~~4th~~ qr 1833 you were paid by Lt J. K. Greenough from pay & subsistence funds seven dollars and thirty three cents, his balance found due to you by the United States on account of your disbursements in the Emigration of Indians. On settlement of your accounts by the Accountant Auditor it appears this amount was paid you was not recognised. You will therefore please to refund it to Lieut Greenough through the hands of Lieut J. McClure asst Comy of Sub. according to the enclosed form of a receipt, which after being signed will be returned to this office, as it is extremely desirable to close not only your account for Indian disbursements but the account of Lt Greenough for disbursements in the Subsistence of the Army, which depend upon the above referred to trifling transaction. As soon as Lt. McClure's receipt

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cases to hand he will be charged with the amount and
Dr. Greenough credited, & that the same amount will be allowed
by the Treasury in the adjustment of the stoppage against
you.

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Lt. Col.
Capt. H. Gay
Sept. 16. 1830

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You.

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Capt. H. Eag
Sept. 16. 1830

Respectfully &c
Your Ob't Servt

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Capt. J. R. Stephenson
Disb'g Agt Choctaws
Fort Gibson.

Sept 16. 1835

Sir, You have been advised by this office, that your accounts for Choctaw disbursements have been sent to the Second Auditor for final settlement. They have been examined, and it gives me pleasure to say have been found correct in an almost unexampled degree, there being but one voucher against which an objection has been raised: You have paid James Brown in the 4 qr. 1832 for teams and for wood ~~not~~ delivered by him "for ferriages," he vouches 14, Abstract Contingencies. This is deemed too indefinite - It will be necessary for you to certify as to the nature of the service, the number of days he was employed, and the reason why no items of ferriage are given. This done, there will be due to you by the Auditor's account One hundred and twenty two dollars and eighty seven cents

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Capt. J. R. Stephenson
Dists Agt. Creeks
Fort Gibson

Sept: 17. 1835.

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Sept: 17th 1835.

Capt: D. R. Stephenson,
Disbursing Agent Creek,
Fort Gibson.

Sir,

Yours of the 11th ultimo has just been received. You inform this office that you have received all the rolls & instructions from Lt. Bradshaw pertaining to your duty, and that Lieut. Moore late Disbursing Agent has turned over to you a quantity of blankets designed for the Seminoles. Those blankets will be retained in your possession till you get further instructions from this office in regard to them.

You say, also, that a letter has been received at Fort Gibson from this city, stating that you would be ordered to join your company. This I have been informed at the Adjutant General's Office is not so, nor would it be the case under any circumstances without this office being first apprised of the fact. Whenever you may be ordered to your company, I will be glad to receive your wishes regarding the disposition of the troops under your command, which will be most cheerfully complied with. Your prompt and efficient discharge of your duties will be duly acknowledged by this Department.

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Wm B. Lewis Esq:

2nd Audr. Treasy Dept.

Sept. 18th 1835.

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J.C.

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Sept 18. 1835.

W.B. Lewis Esq
2nd Auditor Treas. Dept

Sir,

I transmit to you the account of Gen. Wm Clark for disbursements during the second quarter of the present year, in the Settlement of the Kickapoos and Potawatamies tribes. which I have examined in this office and found correct.

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Messrs Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

St. Louis Mo.

Sept. 19th 1835

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J.O.

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Genl J. O.

Majr Pratte, Chouteau Mco

St. Louis Mo.

Sept 19. 1835

Gen.

Yours of the 9th inst.

has this day been received and the bills of lading it enclosed examined and transmitted to the second auditor, by whom the amount $207.00, will be remitted to you in a draft on the deposit Bank at St. Louis.

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Wm B. Lewis Esq:

2nd Aud.r Treas. Dept.

Sept. 19th 1835

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Copied J. O.

Sept. 19th 1835.

Wm B. Lewis Esqr.
2nd Auditr Treasy Dept.

Sir,

Herewith you will find a bill of Messrs Pratte, Chouteau & Co of St. Louis, Missouri for 2800 lbs Rifle Bar Lead and for advertising for proposals, amounting to $267.00

The original contract made with these gentlemen by Genl. Wm. Clark is also transmitted to you. Be pleased if the bill is found correct, to remit a draft for the amount to Messrs Pratte Chouteau & Co at St Louis, out of the appropriation for transportation of agricultural implements &c. &c. act 2nd March 1833.

$267.00

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A. J. VanHorne

Dist. Agt. Cherokees

Fort Gibson

Sept. 21st 1835.

Copd J. O.

by T. Waugh

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On the subject of the blankets &c. a letter has recently been addressed to Capt Brown, and a copy of it sent to you, upon which a report will be made by them. After the Rifles are refinished you will turn them over to Capt Stephenson. Capt. Brown will pay for the expense of reparations. It will be proper, however, to enter into articles of agreement with the workmen, and that the work should be properly inspected when it is completed.

All the articles that are spoiled or unfit for use will be sold, and the proceeds accounted for by Capt Stephenson they should therefore be returned open to him before the sale.

With regard to the powder, it is impossible at this distance to account for the discrepance between the quantity shipped as per bill of lading and that quantity received by you. Perhaps the 15 boxes had each 4 Kegs. See letter to you of 19th May.

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some months ago; but nothing of the kind can be found. But it appears you prefer the offer of a Mechanic who was willing to ~~do the work~~ repair the rifles at ~~for~~ 30 to 40 cts a piece. The instructions of the 19th May were that you should leave the guns that were only slightly injured repaired" in the "Nation", and the remainder shipped for Philadelphia. It was very naturally supposed a workman of sufficient abilities to repair those that were seriously injured could not be found there; But as you are of opinion that such an one may be obtained, and that most of the guns can be made fit for use, you are authorized to have the work done; and, that you may not be in any way prevented from securing the best possible results, the restriction will be put upon you in the performance of this duty. You will, therefore, make the best ~~bargain~~ arrangement possible in order that the work may be well done: It is understood from your letter, that the job can ~~is~~ not be done expensive ~~ly~~.

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Copied L. C.

Sept 21. 1835.

Lt. J. VanHorne,
Disbg. Agt Cherokees,
Fat Gibson.

Your letter of the 13th. ultimo has been received. You state that the Arkansaw river has for some time been too low to enable you to ship the Creek Rifles, as directed in the Commissary General's letter of the 19th May; and you suggest that as the river will continue too low for shipping for some months, it would be better that you should be directed to have the damaged rifles repaired whereby now are. You remark, also, that had your suggestion of the 10th of March been approved and carried into effect, the rifles could by this time probably have been repaired by the Government. No letter of the date or suggestion of the character referred to, has been received at this Office.

Enquiry has been made at the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the proposition of Mr Shaw, which you state was made by Capt McCabe through Major Armstrong

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Sept 21st 1835.

Captain Jacob Brown
Rt Dist. 1st Regt Mtd:
Rock. Ar.

Sir,

Circumstances

a letter was addressed to you on the subject of an investigation into the cause of the damage to the Auckland Quoddy goods shipped by you onboard of the Steam boat Pioneer, and sunk in a Keel boat onboard which they had been put to lighten the former: Connected somewhat with that affair, is a letter ~~to day~~ addressed by this office to Lt. Van Horne, a Copy of which you will find enclosed..

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Dictr. Burton Randall
Asst. Surgeon
U.S. Army
Bay of St. Louis
via Shieldsborough
Miss.

Sept. 15.. 1835

Off. G.O.

W. B.

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3 Randall

The War Department has just been notified, that the Contractors, in anticipation of the usual forms, have determined to proceed; it will therefore be highly important that you should be at the point first designated in as short a time as practicable.

Whilst on duty in the Removal of Indians you will be allowed your "actual expenses". Of these you will keep a memorandum, and they will be paid by the Disbursing Agent. The charges for actual expenses will commence on the day you leave your present station, & your departure from which you will please to report to this Office.

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Care of the Mothers:
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by the following agents of the United States whose duty it will be to see that they are properly treated. One of those agents will be a lawyer who will have charge of the ~~rights and~~ under contract ~~matters~~ stipulations as well as express instructions, will take the proper steps to secure the health of all the party with whom he may be placed.

The foregoing will be sufficient to show you what the United States will expect at your hands, - by the time you reach the Creek nation, you will get more full and explicit instructions. But, should it be necessary to ask before you get them, a copy of the Contract with which the Cattlemen will in that event furnish you, will be sufficient for the time being to guide you: the copy would not be sent you but the original has now yet been returned to this office.

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Doctor Burton Randall
Asst. Surgeon U. S. Army.
New Orleans

Sept. 15. 1835.

Dest: to Jeff. & St Louis
via. Shieldsborough Miss:

Sir,

You will find enclosed an order from the Adjutant General's Office, by which you will perceive you are detailed to "accompany the Creek Indians about to remove from Alabama". You will please to proceed without delay to Montgomery, Alabama and, if on your arrival there found necessary, thence to Fort Mitchell where you will meet and cooperate with the Superintendent of the Removal, Colonel Jno. P. Morgan, and the Disbursing Agent, Captain John Page. The Indians will be removed by a company acting under the firm of C. W. A. Sanford and Company of Columbus Georgia; and will proceed westward in parties of perhaps not less than one thousand; You will besides being ~~associated with~~ the agents of the Contractors be accompanied

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Sept 14th. 1835

Capt Jacob Brown
Principal Disbg. Agt.
Little Rock, A.T.

Sir,

Enclosed to you duplicate bills of Dan'l McCollan late Choctaw Sub Agent, for services performed in the Choctaw nation west. These bills were made out in this office, and on them you will perceive how the allowance of the Secretary of War is entered upon it. You will please to pay Mr. McCollan the amount, and charge the same to Choctaw account, returning to this office the bill ~~last mentioned~~ and retaining the other.

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Sept 15. 1835.

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. War

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Assistant Surgeon Burton Randall may be detailed as Medical Officer for service in accompanying the Creeks about to remove from Alabama to the west of the Mississippi. He will report to this office for instructions.

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Sept 15. 1835

To
Thomas E. Wilson Esq
and Lieut — F. Carter
U. S. Army
Fort Gibson

Gentlemen,

Your joint letter with its enclosures, consisting two drafts drawn by Governor Stokes on the Secretary of War, one in favour of each of you, and a draft drawn on the Secretary of War in favour of James Carey endorsed to Thomas Wilson, has been received and was immediately referred to the Office of Indian Affairs to which they properly belong and where, I am assured, they will all meet with prompt attention.

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Capt. D. M. Clellan

~~Sub Agent Choctaws~~

Choctaw Agency West

Sept. 14. 1835.

Sir, Your letter of the 29th. June, addressed to the Secretary of War, has just been referred to this office. The statement of the late Major Armstrong does not accord precisely with a memorandum made of the hand writing of the Secretary of War. The Major thought the allowance would be two hundred & fifty dollars for three years, but the memorandum alluded to states the willingness of the Government, when a proper fund can be found out of which to take it, to make you an allowance of one hundred and fifty dollars a year, for the same period. Capt. Brown Principal Disbursing Agent has, accordingly, been directed to pay you four hundred and fifty dollars, for which he will take your receipts upon bills this day forwarded to him. I will perceive that the term for which

2 Mr Clellan

is made to
You are to be paid, Commence on the 1st. of November
1831 and to end on the 1st Nov. 1834. The precise time of
Commencement and termination is not material, as there
is, I presume, no doubt of you having performed full
three years of active service.

I do not the province of this office to
reply to any portion of your letter besides
that which relates to your Claim.

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Capt P. P. Taylor,
Commissary Subs:
Louisville Kentky.

August 10. 1835.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 18th July, informing me that the Contractor had ~~Completed the Clearing of the Ploughs~~ &c., and that you had ~~received~~ anything ready except Powderhorns. You remark, that you are convinced you cannot get a ~~Steamboat~~ to transport the articles beyond St Louis. This is not absolutely indispensable.

Before paying for the articles procured by you, I would prefer the accounts should be sent to me, and examined here. You will please to do this without delay. They shall be immediately settled and the Amount remitted as required. This Course will render the opening an account against you unnecessary and prevent disallowances or suspension of your accounts which might arise at the Treasury.

Your ~~obt Servt~~ &c.

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You will take Care to forward by mail, as well as from Steamboat, a complete invoice of the whole Shipment to Major L.B. Brant, Quarter Mr. St Louis who will pay the freight.

And, you will also forward me a Bill of Lading as soon as possible.

The four boxes and Keg of Pork, addressed by Capt Taylor 27th April will be shipped to Capt. Brown at Little Rock. They are for the Quapaw Delegates.

The articles, (of the boxes containing them) will be marked with the name of the tribe respectively, and that of the person to whom addressed.

773.
Capt. Wm. Taylor
May 10. 1835

W.C.

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You will take Care to forward by mail, as well as from Steamboat to Steamboat, a complete invoice of the Goods shipped to the Potawatamie Agency to Major L.B. Brant, Quarter Mr. St Louis who will pay the freights.

And, you will also forward me by mail this as soon as possible.

The four boxes and Sixty Wheels, ordered by my letter of 27th April will be shipped to Capt. Brown at Little Rock. They are for the Quapaws Senecas.

The articles, (the boxes containing them) will be marked with the name of the Tribes respectively, and that of the persons to whom addressed.

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Capt. Wm. Taylor
Aug 10. 1835
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Lt W. M. Bateman
Disbg Agt Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn:

August 10th 1835

Sir, Your letter of the 1st July was received on the 25th of that month. No disbursements will take place until Specific authority is given, on the four following items:

For services to be rendered by	$960.00
For Interpreters to accompany them	600.00
Two Enrolling Agents &c	736.00
Contingencies	200.00
	$2496.00

The Superintendent is apprised of the reasons why these items are suspended.

Under the head of "Amounts due Agents heretofore estimated for" you have inserted opposite the name of Hon. G. W. Harris Clerk to Supt. $1,216.00. On examination I can find no Specific estimate embracing that gentleman. I shall write to the Superintendent on the subject. When he is paid it will not be at a rate exceeding $3 per day for the time actually employed.

Batmans

The total amount of your estimate is - - - - $9,010.00
From which you deduct a balance - - - 6,413.03
Leaving to be supplied - - - - - $2596.97

It will be seen that the amount suspended above is within one hundred dollars of this sum. But, as there may be expenditures ~~which do~~ beyond your present means, I have directed two thousand dollars to be placed to your credit in the Union Bank at Nashville.

G.G.

Capt: I. B. F. Russell
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Dirby Rgt.
Chicago Pottb.
Chicago
Ill:
22d. July 1835

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yourself aggrieved, that you ought to have taken exception to that provision particularly as you were furnished with a copy of the paper containing it, before you left this City. But, I am satisfied, according to the facts stated by you, that you had cause for the course you took, & that Mr Gadsden must have misapprehended the views of this office. That gentleman would, with proper information, certainly see nothing inconsistent with entire efficiency in the plan of operations laid down for the guidance of agents, and of course would then by no means attempt their violation. It cannot, however, as the Secretary of War has by his order directed you to perform the duties of Superintendent in case he should be unable to do so, no difficulty can hereafter arise.

Whenever it becomes necessary for you to assume the duties of Superintendent, you will promptly inform me of the facts, as

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I have to give the conduct of the party to Mr Gordon or not, and that on the same principle, if Mr Gordon chose he could delegate his authority to subordinates of a lower degree &c, so that the party might be placed under the Control of some one that this Office would not place in the command of a party." I will remark on this, that the assistant Agent before referred to is made in my instructions to Col Owen, an exception to a rule. This will be apparent to you from the fact that I provide in the instructions against the possibility of Col Owen's daughter not being able to go west, by directing him in such case to transfer his functions to the other person. Now, it strikes me in the light of a superior to you, that this or any other agent is to be viewed: The Superintendent is not your equal, and if you carry into effect his requisitions, it is only because of the necessity, in pursuance of the law, that the pay agent should be distinct from him whose duty it is to provide direct the modes of expenditure. It was not in fact intended to create in the two offices, subordination so much as cooperation, & the latter is to exist according to the rules laid down in the regulations and instructions, the possession to the service will be all that has ever been required. So much for your remarks upon the inconvenience you might be subjected to, by a transfer of the powers of the Superintendent to another agent. You will therefore see, that the particular case by which you felt yourself aggrieved was specially provided for; and I should not suppose, had you not fortunately specified the particular acts of which you felt

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Capt. W. T. Russell
Disby Capt. Chicago Polawatty
Chicago Illinois.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 5th & 15th Inst. of 2d July. You report your return to Chicago after having proceeded with the exploring party one hundred miles beyond that place. The reason for your return stated, the anomalous position in which you found yourself in your connection with the exploring party, at whose head Col. Owen had, in consequence of his own ill health, placed Mr. Gordon the Asst. Agent. I have no objection to the course you have felt it incumbent upon you to pursue, - I only regret there was any necessity for it. In making the arrangement for Captain Gordon's accompanying the exploring party as Conductor, in case Col. Owen could not do so, it was believed the same degree of efficiency would be ensured, whilst no anticipations of a possible want of harmony was indulged, because it was believed, that either of those gentlemen would not fail to adhere to the instructions of the officer, and at the same time pursue such a course as would, with like dispositions on your part, promote a good understanding between you. I will here correct a misapprehension into which you have fallen. You seem to suppose it was optional with Col.

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Capt. A. Mordecai
Ordnance Service
Frankford Arsenal

Sir,

I have received yours of the 24th June, in reply to the letter from this office of the 11th of that month. The information you furnish as to the required Calibre, weight &c of rifles, may, upon some future occasion of making contracts, prove very useful. Be pleased to accept my thanks for the performance of the duty confided to you; which, I am it gives me pleasure to say, has proved highly satisfactory. I will add, also, that whilst this Office cannot, in accordance with an act of Congress, compensate you for the trouble you have taken, it will cheerfully recommend you for any expenses fairly incident to the duty enjoined on you.

I am &c.

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Major Aeneas Mackay

Asst. Qr. Mr.

Philadelphia

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July 16. 1835.

Major Aeneas MacKay
Asst. Qr. Master U. S. A.
Philadelphia

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th ultimo enclosing copies of bills of lading, was duly received. Permit me to thank you, for the very satisfactory manner in which you have performed the business confided to you by me; and to say, that this office will readily refund to you any money which you may have found necessary to expend in its performance—, it compensates, as you are doubtless aware, compensates you for the trouble you have taken.

Yr. Obt. Svt.

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Apl. 29th 1835.

Capt. John Page,
Disbg. Agt. Creeks,
Mobile, Alab.a

Off. Com Gen Subs
Enc. of Ind.s

Sir,

You will cooperate as Disbursing Agt, with Col. Jno. B. Hogan of Mobile who has been appointed the Superintendent of the Creek removal. Col. Hogan has, ere this, gone into the Indian Country, but will have left his address for you at Mobile; a copy of his instructions has already been sent to you at that place. They will apprise you of ~~the Commands & the expectations~~ of the Department. The Circular of the 28th February, also forwarded to you, will point out some important rules regarding the accounts and vouchers of expenditure

There being no returns of any description from you, the results of the late emigration not being known; I can scarcely tell what deviations may be required in the mode of operations from the proceedings of last year. The route then taken will, I am under the impression, be pursued. Other Knowledge you have acquired of the Country through which it passes, and of the people among whom you have been so strenuously employed, will give you great advantage hereafter.

You will consult with Colonel Hogan upon every thing touching the business of emigration, and he will doubtless freely communicate with you upon all points. There must be the most entire reciprocity, or the public interests will suffer. This is,

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indeed, the more requisite, because of the discontents known to exist among many of the leading Chiefs, and of the machinations of interested whites to induce them to go elsewhere, - to Texas it is believed. The united exertions of the agents of the government, with all the firmness & intrepidity which they possess, will be demanded.

You will inform me at an early day, of the amount of money remaining in your possession, or deposited in Bank; so that I can place to your credit such sum as may be required in the approaching removal. If you will make an estimate of the amount you will need, I shall be glad. I know, in your present situation, that little reliance can be placed on an Estimate; still if it be somewhat in detail, it may unfold more clearly to my view the anticipated sources of expenditure. And you will forward to me a full report of the proceedings in the late removal, with your accounts complete, that they may be settled, if practicable, prior to your again commencing disbursements.

It is provided in the instructions of Col. Hogan that, as soon as a party of five hundred can be got together, it will proceed under the care of a suitable person. When a party or parties go west without you, whether may be the case, you will transfer to the agents conducting them, a sufficient amount of money to pay their contingent expenses. No more will be required, because you will have previously made full arrangements for supplies of subsistence on the route, and the teamsters and others will be paid on their returns. Persons to whom money is thus confided will be -

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instructed by you how to keep their accounts, to make up their vouchers, and in the nature of the expenditures they are to make. Should they improperly disburse the public money, their compensation will be withheld until a decision can be had by application to this office.

I am of opinion that a large and Combined movement of the Creeks, during the present year, is not to be expected. But I believe several parties as large as that conducted by you may emigrate. You cannot therefore attend personally to all these parties, for they will move at different times, - indeed it is desirable that there should be no delay, and as soon as the number specified above can be got ready, that it be started. In these detached movements, with but one Disbursing Agent, much confusion and difficulty will arise except there be a good plan for the action of operations adopted and adhered to. This, then, I propose for a plan: To Enter into Contract, through the whole line of march to Memphis, with the most competent & respectable individuals, for complete rations. Fix your points of issue at convenient distances. Let advice be given, regularly a day or two before hand, of the approach of the parties, so that the Contractors can be in readiness. Let the Conductor when he arrives at an issuing stand, fill up a provision Check with the proper number of rations and quantity of provisions, hand it to the Contractor, and when the issue is made, let the conductor, or his assistant if he has one, witness the issue and certify on the back of the Check to the fact. And instil into their minds the

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necessity of watching over the interests of both the government and the Indians; and to take care to make note on the check, also, what deductions should be made from the face, on account of provisions not issued. The like course with regard to the forage, if the teams are furnished by the United States. The Muster roll will show the number of Indians at starting, and all changes on the route, - it will of course agree with the issues. The Journal to be kept by each Conductor will exhibit the incidents of the travel, the daily progress &c. Let it be understood that the utmost exactitude will be expected in the Rolls, the provision & forage checks, the Journal &c. The last named will invariably be forwarded with your quarterly accounts.

The mode of Contracting for wagons and teams will be that pointed out in the accompanying Circular. The wagons will go as far as Memphis. The time of starting each party will be communicated by mail to the Agent, and to the contractor on the other side of the Mississippi, at Memphis; with the number of Indians, the number of wagons, and the probable time of arrival, so that every thing may be there ready for an uninterrupted progress westward. Each Conductor will take with him a copy of the Wagon Roll, a form of which is herewith, and ~~he will note upon it at whatever relates to the performance of the teams respectively~~ at the end of the route, or whenever the services of a team cease, he will fill up the blanks with the performance of the team; and note whatever besides may be proper for the information of the Disbursing Agent, to whom he will

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speedily hand or transmit it; for, without the Roll you will not pay the team hire.

When you make up your accounts, you will clearly exhibit the operations and expenses of each Conductor, so that there may be no doubt in the settlement as to the propriety of any charges incurred. The ~~disbursements~~ bills of Contractors for provisions & forage, shall show the dates ~~in the Contractor's bills~~ on which each issue respectively was made, specifying the name of the Conductor and any other particulars and these entries should be based upon and supported by the ~~proper~~ Checks.

It cannot be known whether it will be advisable for you to go West of the Mississippi or remain on this side: that will depend upon circumstances of which the Superintendent and yourself must judge. I think now think it will be necessary for you to remain east; and from present appearances you will be fully employed in superintending the disbursements between the Creek Nation and Memphis. From Memphis to the new Creek Country Capt. Brown will provide for the transportation and subsistence, and Capt. Wm. Armstrong will act as Superintendent.

Further instructions may be given to you after the reception of your report.

Blanks will be forwarded by this & the succeeding mails.

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Col. Wm. B. Hogan
Supt. Creek Removal.
Mobile ~~Fort Mitchell~~ Alab.

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of the instructions of Capt. Wm Page, Disbg. agt. in the removal of the Creeks.

Blank muster rolls & requisition for pay will be forwarded to your address at Fort Mitchell Alaba.

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April 28: 1835

Col. M. G. Pepper

Supt Potawatamie Removal

Rising Sun. ~~Washington City~~

Sir.

It is the wish of the Secretary of War that an effort should be speedily made for the entire removal of the Potawatamies within the ~~Agency of Gad Marshall~~ Logansport Agency; say, the bands called the Potawatamies of the Wabash and of the Prairie. It is believed that an early movement might secure a considerable emigration; you are therefore directed, as soon as you receive this, to proceed to Logansport by the 1st of third instant; on which ^ you will make it convenient that you establish your head ^ quarters. As soon after your arrival there as may be deemed proper, you will call a council of such portion of either band as it may be convenient to assemble. You will explain to them that you have very recently seen their Great Father the President of the United States; that his desires they should comply with the agreements they have entered into to remove to the west of the Mississippi; that he is anxious for their welfare; and thinks nothing could enable them to become a happy and prosperous people, but removal to a place where they cannot be interfered with by the whites, in a country of their own and which will be theirs so long as they ^ live. You will tell them that the ~~Chiefs who went to the new country with you are delighted with it, that it~~ is a far better country than that they now occupy; that they will have for neighbors the Cherokees, the Choctaws & Chickasaws and Kickapoos, and other friendly indians, who having become satisfied of what was for their good, have embraced the offer of their Great Father. You will also tell them, that they will have presents suitable to their conditions, and equal to those given to any other tribe, to wit: Each warrior of the age of eighteen will have a rifle with moulds, ^ & complete, and powder & lead ample for a Year:

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(Col Pepper)

Every individual ~~individual~~ emigrant will have a marketable blanket of the best quality; Every family will have an axe or a hoe: Every three families will have a plough; ~~that~~ there will be given to them, besides, a number of looms, wheels and cards, with some iron and steel. And in addition, you will ~~remind them from time to time~~ tell them that they will be subsisted for a year ~~at~~ but only if they choose they may receive cattle instead of the year's subsistence.* Should any objection arise on the score of the annuity, you can assure them that those who go west will get their annuity there as soon, if not sooner, than those who remain behind; and that it is the determination of the government to give a preference, as to time, to those who emigrate ~~remain behind~~

Whenever it shall appear, that you may count with some certainty on at least two hundred, you may appoint a time and place of assemblage; and with as little delay as practicable, hurry off the party, taking care to have it properly enrolled.

Should you hold a Council, small quantities of provision may be issued, ~~during the time of the sitting~~ and rations may be issued for one week to a party actually assembling for emigration; but you will as far as possible avoid expenditure of provisions unless in such cases.

It will be proper, prior to commencing the march yourself to select a route. There will be, it is presumed, no difficulty in doing this, your experience having already indicated to you the most eligible one.

The Disbursing Agent will, upon your requisition, provide transportation and subsistence, in pursuance of the Regulations. Should the number of Indians be less than four hundred, you will confide them to his direction; should they exceed that number, you will yourself accompany them with him. In either case not more than one person will be

employed

* And that all those actually on the way ready and willing to be delivered to them at this arrival west.

employed to assist in the movement, who must be an active steady and efficient man; He will be called an Assistant Conductor, and receive at the rate of three dollars a day. In case of a removal of the largest number named, a laborer may be employed whose Compensation shall not be more than one dollar a day. The interpreters must be procured upon the most reasonable terms.

The Compensation of persons authorized to be employed, except the interpreter, will not commence more than one week before starting westward. If the services of an interpreter should be found indispensable, he will be paid not more than forty or fifty dollars a month. All persons whilst traveling with the emigrants towards the new country, will be allowed their actual expenses. These had better be regulated by yourself & the Disbursing agent, the latter of whom will keep a separate memorandum of such expenses for all. Returning, ten cents a mile will be allowed to all, but the pay of those employed by you will cease immediately on reaching the new country. [illegible]

I would impress you with the necessity for the strictest economy Compatible with the true interests of the Service. Above all, it is the wish of the Department that you employ as few agents or assistants of any kind as can possibly be. It is believed that you and the Disbursing Agent will, with the aid of interpreters, be able to accomplish all the purposes of your appointment. As soon as any person is employed you will report the fact to me, with the rate of compensation & date of commencement of service. Your quarterly returns of Agents will exhibit the names of persons employed during the quarter, the nature of their services, the receipts & their Customers &c.

The muster rolls will exhibit the persons to whom the presents are to be delivered: For instance, the warriors who are to receive rifles & the heads of families who are to get the receive the looms, which he is behalf of themselves and other families. Particular in this respect may have much trouble in the distribution west. It has been suggested by Gen! Clark that it would be desirable also to note on the rolls, the band to which each family belongs, & to designate the [illegible] Agency at which they have been paid their annuity. Should any emigrating Council of Indians belonging to more than one band, you will inform Gen. Clark of the fact as soon as a party

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~~party starts, you will write to him and send him a copy of this note.~~

It appears from your reports, that the exploring party conducted by you last year, are desirous to go on the unoccupied lands between the Osage and Shawnees, and that such is the impression created by the examination of the country that their bands will with great difficulty be induced to occupy the lands intended for the whole tribes on the N. W. corner of Missouri. ~~The Secretary of War is agreed, that they should go to the country of their choice, where they may be joined by their brethren on the Kickapoo lands to the extent of country asked in proportion to their numbers with the limit of two tracts~~ is regretted because the President is desirous that the whole tribe of Potawatamies should be united. I am instructed by the Secretary of War to direct your attention to a letter which he will immediately address you on the subject.

Should the Disbursing Agent go west with a party, unaccompanied by you, it will be your duty, should the season permit, to endeavor to raise another party by the time he returns. That officer is entirely competent to the conducting two parties west, between the time of your commencing operations at Logansport and the beginning of winter. It is only by energy and activity, constant and unremitted, that many indians can be removed; and it is feared that the success of these Quarters may be as requisite in the Potawatamie removal, as in some others which have preceded it. There is evidently a strong reluctance to leaving their present places of residence, however insecure and uncomfortable they may have become, - long habit and feeling in regard to their own well being would induce them to stay away. That reluctance has its existence in right principles, as much as the petty schemes & intrigues of traders & other interested persons, as in an innate love for the land of their nativity. These influences must be watched, and if possible overcome.

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The preceding instructions are intended to fill up the outlines contained in the printed Regulations, to which any the enclosed Circular or Notice may refer, and to specifically touched here.

You will find herewith forms of requisition, a telegram for engagement and the usual employer; and blank muster rolls.

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Apl 28. 1835.

Capt. Leo Page
Dub[y] agt. Creeks
Mobile Alab[a]

Sr.

By mine of the 13th December ultimo, addressed to you at Fort Mitchell Tuscaloosa and Memphis, you were directed to return from the West by way of Mobile, at which place you would receive instructions for your future movements. The instructions have been delayed ~~so long as~~ until it was thought, from the advices received of your movements westward, it ~~was thought~~ you might be on your return: they will be forwarded in a few days. If ~~you receive this~~ they do not reach you within ~~two~~ three days after you get this, you can proceed to the Creek country where they may be forwarded to you.

Enclosed is a copy of the instructions given to the Superintd[t] Col. J. B. Hogan, and of the Circular of the 28th Feby ultimo. You will make yourself thoroughly acquainted with the rules laid down in the latter.

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Apl 27. 1831

Capt Z. P. Taylor
Commdg Post.
Louisville Ky.

Sir,

I wish you to include in your Contract for Corn & Wheels, four more of the former and six of the latter. They are for another Tube, but must be included in the same requirement.

G. G.

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Lt. G. W. Moore,
Disby Agt.
(Care of Capt J. Rankin) L. Rock.

Apl 27. 1835.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 19th ultimo, and its enclosures. I apprehend there may still be some error in your account for Indian Emigration. My letter of the 11th inst: did not direct that you should blend any subsistence with that of Emigration, but only that no distinction should be made between the articles on hand or the results of the sales of those articles, as it was believed there should be none, because it was not known that you had any army subsistence. It would now appear, however, that you have received some, which you report as a balance in your possession on the 31st December, viz: Pork, Lard and Candles. You will please to turn those articles over to the Agt Commissary at Fort Coffee, and get his receipt for them; and if you have sold any article of that thing received from the same source, you will transfer the amount of the sale to the Commissary also. If you have credited your Indian accounts with that amount, you can deduct it from your next quarterly account.

Divide your Choctaw disbursements kept entirely separate from subsistence expenditures in the Indian emigration; and that you should, by no means, mingle the transactions of the Emigration with any other matter in letters or accounts. You will therefore please to direct your letters on this business as directed in the first page of the Regulations".

Mr. Baker, the Contractor for furnishing the Choctaw Looms & wheels, having as you state declined to make those required for the Quapaws, I shall endeavor to procure them at Louisville, where I expect to contract for the manufacture of some for the another tribe. The reels may be made under your inspection, at the proper times, by any competent person.

Your relation of the difficulties attendant upon a Disb'g. Officer's being engaged in the paying or the witnessing the payment of annuities, fulfils my anticipations. I shall endeavor to have them relieved from these duties, as they are evidently incompatible with the proper functions of their appointments.

G. G

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Genl Wm Clark
Supt Ind Affs
St Louis

Apl 27. 1835.

Sir, I have rec'd a letter from the hon W. Pearce of Daniels Illinois, claiming compensation for services as conductor of the party of indians to St Louis, which left Gadsden took purchase to the new county. The refers to you for information upon this subject. Will you do me the favor to communicate to me what you know about Pearce's connection with that party.

Yrs.

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Capt. Wm Gordon
St Louis Mo.
(Care of Wm. Clark).

Apl. 25th 1835.

Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Jno. W. Vance, enclosing a bill for services in conducting ~~a~~ the family of Potawatomies, that you took charge of from the latter place. The amount of the bill is $106.; also a bill for subsistence of team during sixteen days going west, at fifty cents per day; and a bill for return passage of the same team, at $3.50 per day. It appears from your accounts, that you paid Mr. Vance for sixteen days services & wagon & team from Danville to St. Louis, at $3.00 per day.

That you may be able fully to understand these several claims, I send you copies of the letter & bills. I do not, however, see that Mr V. can be paid his bill of personal services, for you state explicitly that he joined the party voluntarily, and had been in no way employed; and that you therefore paid him as agent. or 2d agent.

I will thank you for an early report upon this case.

Yr.

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Apl. 25th 1835.

Mr. Jno. W. Vance
Danville, Vermilion Cty
Illinois

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing a bill for personal services in accompanying a party of Indians from near Danville, Ill., to St. Louis Missouri, and two bills for returns pay for teams. I cannot now decide on the bills for teams, the two latter bills. The one for your own services, I am satisfied, from Mr Gordon's, report to me, cannot be paid; nor can the other, as that gentleman first states what he knows concerning the charges. He was fully empowered to act as Agent for the Potawatamies; and would, it is to be supposed, be able to learn, satisfactorily, the nature of the claims of those in any manner concerned in that removal. I have sent him copies of the three accounts & of your letter. He will speedily report to me, and you shall be apprised of the result.

G. G.

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April 24th 1835.

Col. L.B. Hogan,
Supt. Creek Affrs.
Montgomery, Alabama

Sir,

I have just received yours of the 8th Inst. and have submitted it to the Secretary of War.

The wish of portion of the Creeks, or at least of some of their leaders, to go to Texas, has been for some time known to the Department. But the project has not been, nor will it be, countenanced. The indians must go to the country provided for them, if they go west at all under the auspices of the United States. The plan of operations laid down for you will, therefore, be pursued with all the spirit, vigor & determination which can possibly be infused into it. I am satisfied that your course will be marked by these qualities, no less than by the necessary degree of lenity & forbearance. Indeed great hopes are entertained of a considerable measure of success from your discretion to forward the views of the Government.

Your letters of the 1st & 3d Inst. enclosing a copy of one to Majr Bleu, came duly to hand.

Yrs.

April 23d. 1835.

Capt. J. P. Taylor,
Commdg. Q.M. Dept.
Louisville Ky.

Sir,

If you cannot get
woolen Kettles, those of Cotton will answer.

Please to keep the subject of your Commissary's duties
separate from those of Indian Emigration.

Yrs.

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Apl 23. 1835.

Lt. J. A. Phillips
Dr. Master, West Point N.Y.

Sir, Yours of the 20th inst: is at hand. You refer to your having rec'd a letter from Mr. Philip Campbell of Nashville, late offr. of the Choctaws which I have also rec'd a letter from that gentleman, and answered him, that as there was no receipt of yours to me for the $25. which although stopped was returned as paid on your abstract of expenditures; and as the amt. was disallowed and deducted from his subsequent bill of pay & services, he must look to you for payment.

You enquire about your accounts for disbursements in the Campaign of Indians. And it would seem have not received my letter of the 30th January ultimo, addressed to you at West Point. I again addressed you a few days ago, and would call your attention to the copy of the letter alluded to, herewith enclosed.

J.G.

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Capt. J. Brown
Pr. Disb. Agt &c
Little Rock
A. T.

April 21.

Copied S. O.

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Copied J. O.

Apl. 21st 1835.

Capt. Jacob Brown
Pr. Disbg. Agt.
Little Rock

Sir,

My letter of the 29th. October ultimo advised you of an overpayment to Mr. Thomas Irwin, late agt. Since the reception of yours of the 1st. March, I have had the accounts of the Disbursing Agents who paid that Gentleman reexamined, and find that there was an error in the entry of Capt. Page's payment, by substituting the year 1832 for 1833, the payment made by Capt P. being for November & December of the latter year. Mr. Irwin may therefore be paid the amount withheld.

G. G.

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Capt. J. Brown

Pr. Dist. Agt. &c.

Little Rock

A.T.

Apl. 20th 1835

Gen. J. O.

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Copies J. O

April 20. 1835.

Capt. Jacob Brown
Pr. Dist. Agt
L. Rock, a. T.

Sir,

I have not hitherto acted on the subject of your letter of the 18th. December inclosing ~~one~~ from David Fulsom to you. It is, indeed, rather difficult to say what should be done with it. If the claim be just in any degree, it can only be, I think, to the extent of the payments made by Folsom for the personal ~~transportation~~ ferriages of himself and party. The amount of ferriages, $39.62 cts, alledged by him to have been paid on his route Westward, is very great for thirty persons; but is readily accounted for by the fact of his having three Large Wagons and three carriages, with ~~[illegible]~~ nineteen horses.

I return you the letter of Mr. Folsom: if he furnishes evidence of the payment of ferriages at any one or two points, for the number of persons who emigrated with him; and ~~[illegible]~~ he charges no more than a fair average allowance for ferriage from the old to the new Country, You can pay him it.

G. G.

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St. J. A. Phillips

Dr. Matter

W. Point N.Y.

April 20th 1835

Copied O. E.

Copied J. O.

Apl 20. 1835,

Lt. L. A. Phillips

Asst. Quarter Master, Mil. Acad.

West Point, N.Y.

Sir,

I addressed to you a letter on the 30th January ultimo, respecting your accounts in the Removal of Indians, which I have received no reply. I will call your attention to that letter, and request that you give the subject of it your immediate attention.

G. G.

April 20. 1835.

Brig Gen'l S. Thatcher,
Eng. Dep't

Sir,

I have placed before the Secretary of War a letter of Lieut Tillinghast soliciting the appointment on Topographical duty, and which you referred to this office on the 10th inst, with the remark, that the appointments for that service having been made, and as any other field service would, you believed, be equally acceptable to Lt Tillinghast, you therefore recommended him, for an appointment on the removal of the Southern Indians. There is now no vacancy in the Subsisting Agencies; when one occurs, Lt Tillinghast's recommendation shall be respectfully considered

J K

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Apl 20. 1835.

Mr. Phillips Campbell
Nashville Tenn:

Sir, I have received Yours of the 9th Inst: enclosing a Corrected voucher belonging to St. Phillips' accounts for expenditures in the Choctaw emigration.

You remark upon the deduction of $25= from the payment recently made you, for services in the same emigration, that you never received that sum from St. Phillips, and that it was intended to be paid, in case it was allowed here, to Capt. Armstrong, who was then here at the proper time. As it was an erroneous transaction, the amount would certainly have been deducted from St. P.'s accounts had they been closed; and then, no deduction would have been required from your bill above alluded to; but, as it appeared from the receipts, that you had been paid thus erroneously, and St. P.'s accounts not being settled, it was thought proper to make the deduction from you and not from him. Had I been aware that the receipting for the money was only an experiment, and that the payment by the Office was to be Contingent upon the allowance of what, it seems, was esteemed a very doubtful Claim, I should have made no deduction from your bill. But

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the transaction could not be judged of from its face. You must therefore look to Lt. Phillips, who is at West Point, for the amount now certainly due you by him.

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Mr. A. Campbell
Sept. 20. 1835.

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Mr. A. Campbell

Sept. 20. 1835.

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Apl. 20th. 1835.

Col. Wm. Hunter,
agt Agent Creek removal
Tuscumbia.

Sir,

I addressed a letter to you on the 26th Ultimo, saying that you would shortly be called into service by the Superintendent. That office has been conferred upon Col Gen. D. Hogan of Mobile and he has accepted it. If you have not heard from him before you receive this it may be attributed to his not knowing your residences. You will, therefore, proceed without delay to Tuckabatchee or some other point in the Creek nation, where it is most probable you will soonest meet him.

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Capt. J. P. Taylor
Comm'y. Subsistence
Louisville Ky.

April 18th 1835

Copied Gen'l O. E

Apl. 18. 1835.

Lr. J. A. Phelps,

Dr. J. A. Phillips,

Apl. 18. 1835.

542.

Gen. Z. D. Taylor
Comdg. Infantry
Louisville Ky

Official Report
Capt. Gen. O. S.

Copied L. O.

Capt. J. P. Taylor
Commissary of Subsistence
Louisville Ky.

April 18. 1835.

Sir. Your letter of the 14th inst. is at hand. You apprehend that persons making bids for supplies will not include both wheels. If they do not, you can contract separately for them.

You suppose that if some discretion is allowed you, it might prove advantageous to the government. I wish you had stated what degree of discretion you wished. If you mean that you were not tied down to the strict letter of your instructions, it would be better; I will remark that any deviation from this instruction that does not involve a change in the articles to be procured, and that appears to you calculated to subserve the public interests, will be approved by me. If there is time to do so, it would be well to submit the matter to me.

If you cannot contract for some of the articles, it will be time enough to instruct you as to the purchase after your report is received by me

J.G.

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Maj. B. F. Curry
17 Sept. 1835

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Apl. 17th 1835

Maj. B. F. Currey
Supt. Rem. Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

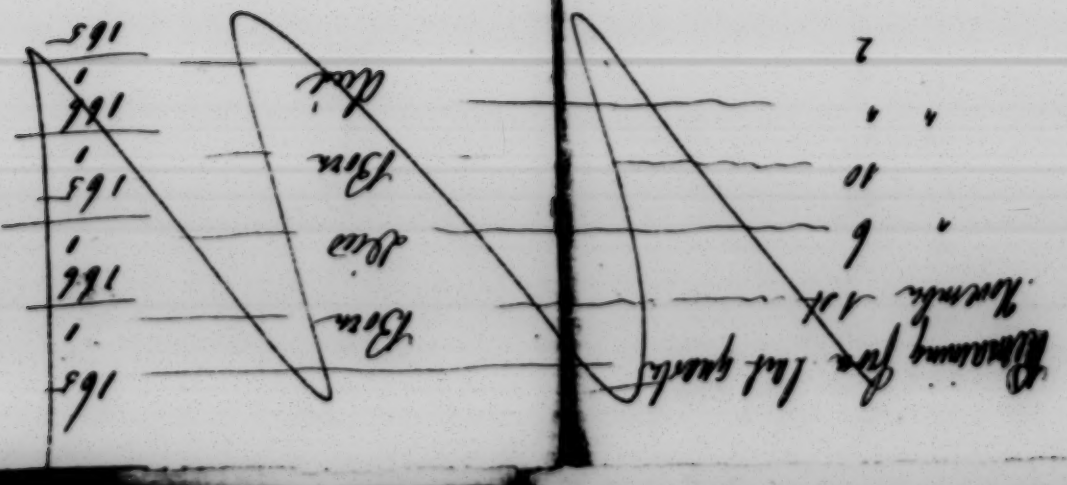
Enclosed is a copy of a Circular, framed for the general guide to agents in making up their accounts, and proper to be communicated as well to the Superintendents as the Disbursing Agents. It contains some matter that does not now affect the Cherokees removal, but which may, hereafter, should the efforts at present being made to adjust the difficulty with that people, prosper. No material change is now contemplated in the modes of transacting the Disbursing Agent's business, — perhaps, only a little more practised in the making up their vouchers, and in this, you are of course concerned to know what are the requisites demanded. The Circular will, I believe, supply the desired information.

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Lt. M. W. Batman
17 April 1835.

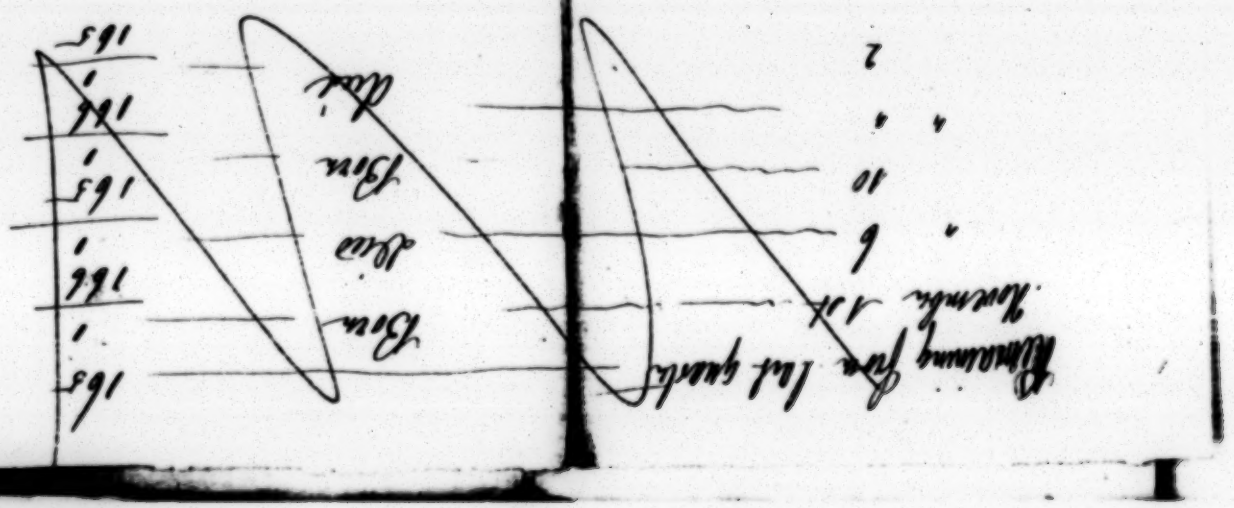
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Lt. M. W. Batman
17 April 1835.

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Apl. 17. 1835.

Lt. M. W. Batman,
Disbg Agt. Cherokees East,
Calhoun, Tenn:

Sir, It has been my intention to give you full instructions for the performance of your duty as Disbursing Agent. I have, however, delayed doing so, from time to time, by reason of the very unsettled condition of the Cherokee question, and from the prospects occasionally appearing of being brought to a happy issue. I should then have been able to have the rules for your guidance, upon a state of things that might be considered permanent. There is, indeed, at this time some reason to hope for a speedy & satisfactory adjustment of the whole matter; but, I will not wait for that, to give you some more particular rules for your official conduct, than you have hitherto received.

The Circular enclosed will furnish you with the mode of proceeding in drawing your accounts; but you will observe some things in it not applicable to the Cherokee Disbursing Agency: such as the Keeping an Abst. Bill for Subsistence; Provision (Quarty) Returns &c.; because the emigrants now go off in Small bodies, and receive a commutation in money for their transportation and subsistence to the west Country — this is, of course, to be considered as transportation (for you cannot divide it), and entered on the Abstract of Disbursements for Transportation. But you will

will be strictly governed by the rules laid down for the framing of your vouchers, particularly with regard to payments for services, and that details fully & completely on the face of the vouch the nature of the transaction involved. Hereafter, as soon as a large body may be got to perform, ~~the whole of their duties~~ it will be important for the whole of the Circular to be well understood. In the mean time, you will pursue the plan hitherto followed, of meeting the Superintendent's requisitions for "Commutation of Transportation & Subsistence," but you will in this as in all other matters be guided by the Spirit of the circular, which keeps in view a constant ~~improvement~~ advance to System. ~~Waiting further and more~~

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April 17. 1835.

Lt. Geo. S. Greene
U. S. Army
Fort Sullivan, Eastport Me.

Sir,

Your letter of application for an appointment in the Cherokee emigration is received; it will be filed, and when there is a vacancy, duly considered.

Respectfully

Maj Aeneas Mackey
Dr. Master Rhd.
15 Apl. 1835

April 11, 1835

Majr Amos Mackey
2d Master. Philada

Sir, I enclose to you a Copy of a letter addressed to Capt. Alfred Mordecai, in relation to the inspection of the Screw Rafts in your profession. It is believed to be proper to have this done with the views stated in the letter, - in order to be able fairly to judge of the claims of the respective bidders. You will please to afford Capt Mordecai any facility for the prosecution of the work.

G. G.

537.

Mr. S. A. Elliott

Washington

April 14. 1835.

April 14th 1835.

Mr. L. A. Elliott
Washington City

Sir, In reply to yours of Yesterday on the subject of Mr. Walton's Axes, I wish to inform You that, at present, there is but a small demand for the articles, an advertisement for which, you will please to inform Mr. Walton may be found in the papers of Louisville Ky. The following is the description: 4 300 Axes." "The Axes will be of best cast steel, Kentucky pattern, and of the following weights 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2 lbs. one third of each; and equal to Collins best."

G. G.

P. S. Bids will be rec'd by Capt J. P. Taylor at Louisville Ky until the 25th April, inst.

Apl. 14. 1835.

Capt W.P. Taylor,
Commanding Q.M. Dept.
Louisville Ky.

Sir, Yours of the 3d inst.
is at hand. You are right in supposing that canal
boats be procured, under contract, will have the same "rigging" as those
you are getting made for a pattern.

G.G.

April 12th. 1835.

Col. L.B. Hogan,
Supt. Removal Creeks,
Mobile Alab.a

Sir,

The Secretary of War has referred to me your letter to him of the 28th. ult.

Your instructions from this Office, as Superintendent of the Creek removal were dated the 20th. March.

It is stated in the instructions, to be the intention of the Secretary of War to appoint at present no Subordinate Agents; and that where assistance is actually needed you were authorized to procure it, but you were told that when assistance should be actually needed, you would then procure it, - but that they should be of a higher grade than Assistant Conductors. You recommend Major Uriah Blue for an Assistant Agency. From my knowledge of that Gentleman, I am induced to believe that he could render very effectual services. You are therefore permitted to employ him upon the Conditions above adverted to. A Clerk cannot be allowed. One will not indeed be necessary; for the Disbursing Agent will keep all the accounts.

You ask for explicit instructions. If on perusing attentively those sent you, in connexion with the Circulars & printed Regulations, you should wish them more explicit, you will please to state in what, and you will be immediately replied to.

Your

I need scarcely add, that the pay of agents absorbs generally a large amount of the inspecting funds, how-ever the ones now appointed there are actually needed; and that, I trust the utmost care will be taken by you, as I know no difference to the case, [illegible] in all respects to keep the expenditure within the bounds of the strictest economy. You will immediately [illegible] any deviations, communicated then to me, although you shall find it necessary in the mean while to employ them.

G.G.

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Col. J. B. Hogan

Kyle. 14. 1795

Copy to Wm.

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G.G.

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Col. J. B. Hogan
Sept. 14. 1832

Copy G.G.

Capt E. A. Hitchcock,

U. S. A

Ft. Crawford M. T.

Apl 18th 1835.

Sir: Your letter of the 12th ults. is received. You apply for a Farming agency in the removal of the Southern Indians. There is at present no vacancy - but your application will be preserved on file, and at the proper time will receive due Consideration.

G. G.

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Lt Hamlet R. Allston
U.S.A Fort Mitchell Alab.

Apl 13. 1835.

Lt,

I have rec'd. ℔ your of the 31st March, [redacted] am obliged by your attention to mine of 14th of that month, addressed to Major McIntosh jr.

Yrs.

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Apl 13th 1835.

Capt A. Mordecai,
U.S. Ordnance
Frankford Pa

Sir.

I have applied to the Col. of ordnance for an order to you to receive the following instructions: You will please to have carefully inspected, under your immediate eye, dozen rifles in the possession of Major MacKay, Quarter Master Philad.a These Rifles have been deposited with him by Mr. Henry Deringer and Mr. Geo W. Tryon, manufacturers; and were intended for the examination of such persons as might choose to bid under an advertisement for proposals to furnish rifles for indians, recently published by me. Both these Gentlemen had previously made good rifles, of which many thousands have been purchased from them for the indians; & it was deemed fair, not to select from one a pattern or specimen to the exclusion of the other; because, as it was understood that each had a considerable number already made, the doing so might exclude the other from an equal chance for the contract. Mr. Tryon is the lowest bidder in price, but in order to secure for himself the right to furnish, his rifles must be cheaper for the price; For instance: the reduced proposal of Mr. T. is, at $10 92/100 for each rifle; while Mr. Deringer's is at $13 05/100, a difference in favor of the former of $2.13. The question then is, whether Mr. D's specimen guns are not more than equal in value to this difference. This, I wish you fairly to consider, and report to me upon without delay as soon as you possibly can do so.

It will, however, be borne in mind, that in instituting a comparison between the rifles Specimen rifles of these two manufacturers, no care must be taken to see, that even the best of either is of such quality, as should be given to the indians, who

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It will, however, be borne in mind, that in instituting a comparison between the rifles Specimen rifles of the two manufacturers, due care must be taken to see, that even the best of either is of such quality as should be given to the Indians, who without requiring or using costly exterior should be furnished them of the most exact workmanship.

I will add, that it is my intention to have the rifles to be supplied under the advertisement alone alluded to, inspected by you; and that as soon as I receive your report, I shall forward to you the result to which it may lead.

G. G.

Enclosed is a copy of the

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Col. Geo Bomford

U.S. Dep.t

Washington

April 11. 1835

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Sept 11. 1835.

To Col: George Bomford
U.S. Ordnance Dept
Washington

Sir,

I request that Capt Alfred Mordecai of the Ordnance may be directed by you to receive and comply with the instructions of this office, for the inspection of three hundred and twenty five rifles, about to be received from Mr. G. W. Tryon, in Philadelphia. The instructions will be forwarded to him direct at Frankford in a few days.

G G

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Geo. L. Walk
West Phila
11th April 1835

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Apl 11. 1835.

To Mr. Geo. L. Watt
West Philadelphia

Sir,

I have received and opened your proposals for Rifles, under my Advertisement of the 18th. ultimo. You are undersold by Mr Geo W. Trego of the City of Philadelphia, who offers to furnish at Ten dollars & ninety two and a half cents each.

Three Rifles are wanted in May 1835, and four or five supplied might be the case, in May 1836.

Yr.

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Apl 11th 1835.

Asstr. Gen. H. Stanton,
Dr. Mr. A. Lane
New York.

Sir,

By mine of the 17th ultimo. you were told that further instructions on the subject of the blankets would be given to you. The lowest bidders are Messrs Snyder, Jackson & Co of ~~City~~ N York. You will please to ascertain when they can be safely shipped for New Orleans, previously to which you will appoint a time for inspection and delivery. I enclose a copy of a letter just addressed to those gentlemen, by which you will see, that with no blankets of the largest size, but the aggregate number divided, nearly, between the two other sizes. Should they agree to this change, as they doubtless will, - and the blankets prove equal to the Specimens, you will certify to the facts, and have them shipped. The Contractors will pay all expenses attending the inspection & delivery.

Messrs Snyder Jackson will be apt to pack the blankets in bales. Please to give your judgment whether they will, when so packed, be transported with equal safety if then packed. Be pleased to decide accordingly.

The blankets will be marked thus:

2 Case Marlow

400 pairs of 3 Points } For the Seminoles
450 do of 2½ do } do Lt. S. W. Moore, Subs. Agt.
Fort Gibson

400 pairs of 3 points } For the Pottawatamies
450 do 2½ do } do Maj. J. B. Brant D.W.
St. Louis Mo.

The whole to the Care of Lt. A. Drane, Asst. Dr. Mart. at New Orleans.

A bill of lading will be forwarded to Office with the certificate of Inspection.

J.J.

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Apl. 11th 1835.

Messrs. Langdon Lockerby & Co.
Plattsburgh New York

Gentlemen

I have received your letters of the 3? & 7th inst. and proposals for supplying blankets under my advertisement, dated 18th ultimo. Your proposals are accepted. It is however my wish, and I understand it will not be objected to by you, that you should furnish the Seminole Indians entirely. Should you not object to do so, Colonel Stanton will receive from you as follows:

For the Seminoles
3 points 1400 pairs Of 2½ pts 900
2½ do 1450 do
1700 pairs

For the Potawatamies & Indians
3 points 400 do
2½ do 1350 do
1700 pairs

You say that boxing is an unusual mode of packing; and suggest that they be packed in the usual way in bales of 50 pairs each. If this mode is approved by Col. Stanton, it will be pursued. That officer will appoint a time for inspection and delivery, and will notify you of the same.

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Mrs Sanydam Jackson

Apl 11. 1835

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2) Lieutenant Jackson

As soon as evidence of inspection of shipment is received from, instructions for which have been given to Quartermaster, ~~Thornton~~ with your account, the sum due you shall be paid.

G. G.

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Apl. 11th 1835.

Lt. J. Drane,
Apl D. Mr.
New Orleans.

Sir,

Lieut O. S. Howe will have transpated to you from Montgomery Alabama, a number of boxes containing rifles and blankets; also, [illegible], if he does not receive instructions, to the contrary before forwarding them, those domestics.

I wish you to forward the rifles & blankets to Capt: Jacob Brown, Little Rock. The domestics will be retained and sold by you at public sale, & the proceeds, will be deposited in the Union Bk of Louisiana at New Orleans, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and a certificate of deposit forwarded to me, with invoice, bill of sale &c.

G. G.

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Apl 11th. 1835.

Lt. C. G. Howe
U. S. Army
Montgomery alab.

Sir,

I have just been informed by Lt. J. R. Alston comg at Fort Mitchell in the absence of Maj. M. Pitch, that you have been detailed to perform the duty indicated in mine of the 14th ult. enclosed to the last named officer. You are directed in that letter, to have all the articles transfered to New Orleans. It is now my wish that the Rifles and Blankets shipped by said Howe, they thing else will be sold by you at public sale, to the best advantage, and the proceeds turned over to Capt. Page on his arrival at Fort Mitchell.

If you should have complied with my former directions before this reaches you, be pleased immediately to advise Lt. Howe to forward from N Orleans the Rifles & Blankets, retaining the other articles. Instead of the marks you were before directed to put upon the boxes, substitute the following: "Capt. Jacob Brown, Little Rock For the Creeks"

G. G.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Apl 5th 1835

Mr Armstrong Esq
Supt. Removal Ags West
Little Rock A.T.

Sir, On the 20th ult. I forwarded you instructions to proceed without delay from Tuscumbia to Little Rock. On the presumption that you will have reached that place before this reaches there, I now send you a copy of the instructions this day addressed to Capt Jacob Brown Pay. Disb. Agt., in relation to the removal of the Seminoles. You will perceive that I have appointed a assistant agent to accompany you, and you will apply to Col Wharton Rector in the Capacity

G.G.

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April 5th 1835.

Capt: Jacob Brown
Princip: Sub Agt
Rock, Ark.

Sir,

The Seminole indians will immediately be removed from Florida. The Superintendent, Genl. Wiley Thompson, is now actively engaged in making preparations for the commencement of this removal, and the Disbursing Agent Lt. J. W. Harris, is now on his way to Florida and will reach the Agency in a few days. I am under the impression that the number emigrants will not exceed twelve or fifteen hundred; but as to this, you will be more correctly informed by the Superintendent, who is directed to give you information at the earliest day of the number; and who will, I do not doubt, keep you appriged of the progress of the removal.

The indians will cross the gulf to New Orleans, and thence up the Mississippi to Rock Row, in steamboats. From Rock Row to the new Country they will go thence by land, arrangements for which will be made by you.

At the proper time, - and I believe you will find it advisable speedily - you will enter into contracts for both transportation and subsistence. As to the mode of engaging the former I refer you to the Circular hereinth, page 6.; and to the form of Wagon Roll.

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(2) Capt Brown apl 5th

You have already been affirmed that Lt. J. W. Moore would be assigned to the subsistence of the Seminoles west. Instructions for that duty will soon be sent to him. William Armstrong Esq. has been directed to go to L Rock and cooperate with you in this business. A copy of his instructions is enclosed to him. He will proceed to Rock Roe with accompanied by Lt. Moore. The latter may make any disbursements, if necessary before the arrival of Lt. Harris with the Indians; but you will take up his vouchers upon your own abstracts.

The Indians will perhaps be accompanied as far as Rock Roe, by other officers of the army besides Lt. Harris, who, if the Disbursing Agent. In this case they may be relieved at that point if it can be done with safety. Lt. Moore can take the place of one of them; and should another agent be wanted, Colonel Rector can be employed.

If you had not, heretofore, been more than once disappointed in the results of Gen emigration, I should now direct you (without waiting to ascertain that any Indians destined for the Territory to which your agency is confined have arrived) to advertise for proposals, for contracts for the subsistence of the Seminoles after their arrival at their new lands. For this reason, I prefer you should advertise for proposals for the supplies, both during and after the termination of the removal together. The contracts may be limited, or the bills of the contractor may distinctly show when and when the supplies were delivered. The time of the contract may be limited during the emigration of the Seminoles from Rock Roe in 1836, and for one year after the day of their arrival on their lands, west of Arkansaw Territory"

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Capt. Jacob Brown
Rpl. f. 1895.

Copy by W. B.
and by B.W.W.

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(Capt. Brown)

Lieut: Harris will continue to conduct and disburse for the Seminoles, until he turns them over to their proper Disbursing Agent west, at the termination of their journey.

All payments made by him for ~~Services~~ of any description engaged by Mr. Armstrong or yourself, will be paid for upon the requisitions by me accordingly. ~~He~~ ~~will certify to his abstracts for expenditures~~ ~~expenditures for~~ You will pay for Subsistence furnished during the transportation from Rock River. The Wagon Abstract will have in each case the Original Statement of Lt Harris to the individual performance of the teamster.

I will place to your credit in the Union Bank of Louisiana at New Orleans, five thousand dollars on Seminole account.

The cattle of the Seminole Indians will be taken from them under appraisement, for which they will be paid in money or other cattle. I have directed Lt. Harris to give you the "Statement" of the Cattle agent. As soon as you receive it, you will advertise for the number of head of the different kind wanted, to be delivered in about sixty or ninety days. Every precaution must be taken to have them of good quality. As the Superintendt. will send me from Florida a copy of the Statement, I shall be able to examine & examine it, and remit to you the requisite funds, shortly after the appearance of your advertisement. As soon as you publish it send me a copy.

You

You will examine well the Circulars to which I have before alluded. It is fully important and instructive matter. The practical rules it contains will be carefully attended to. It will be readily perceived, that their observance will effectually secure economy in the practical administration; whilst they are not inconsistent with the greatest degree of efficiency.

H.G.

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April 7. 1835.

D. F. Currey,
Supt: Rem. Cherokees,
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

You will please to report to this Office how many Blankets Rifles and Kettles there are on hand at the eastern Cherokee Agency; and their condition respectively; their quality & sizes of the Blankets; whether the articles are in their original packages; and, as far as the information in your possession extends, when they were received by your predecessor. You will also endeavor to state where, and for what probable amount, the Kettles could be sold, [redacted]

[redacted]. Any facts or suggestions from you in relation to these articles will be acceptable

G. G.

* what rule for the distribution of presents has been observed by you; and whether there are any (and how many) emigrants, who are now entitled to receive them.

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St. J. Vanthorne

Dis: Agt. &c.

Fort Gibson

Apl. 4th 1835

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Copied J. C. Tweed

Apl 14th 1835

Lt. J. Van Horne,
Disb. Agt Cherokees &c
Fort Gibson

Sir,

Lt J. R. Stevenson having closed his disbursements to the Choctaws, will relieve you from the duty of Disbursing Agt. to the Creeks. You will transfer to him the books papers funds &c, pertaining to that tribe, and will give him all the information you possess in relation to the duties he is about to assume. That his disbursements to be totally unconnected, at any time, with the old affair of the Mc Intosh indians, and that ~~they should comprise~~ his abstracts should embrace the whole of the 2d Quarter of this year.

You will give your undivided attention to the Cherokee Disbursements.

Further instructions will speedily be given by you.

GG.

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St. J. R. Stephenson
Apl. 4. 1835.

Copied twice by
W. B.

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April 4th 1835.

Lieut: J. R. Stephenson
Dist. Dsg. Agt. Fort Towson.

Sir,

Upon the occasion of your having completed your duties as a Disbursing Agent to the western Choctaws, I will express my unqualified approval of the manner in which those duties have been performed; and I will assure you that the business confided to you during a period of more than four years, in which large sums of money have been disbursed, great responsibilities encountered, multifarious transactions has been transacted in all its multifarious details with a most satisfactory degree of accuracy, and all that intelligence which should characterize the an agent of the United States in an important & responsible station.

I am desirous, still further, to avail myself of your services in the duty of Indian Emigration, and therefore assign you to the Disbursing Agency of the Creeks.

You will proceed to the Creek agency west by way of

Fort Gibson, and relieve Lt. Boardman from his duties as Creek Agt. That Office is now acting with the Creeks & Cherokees. He will be confined to the latter. He will transfer to you his books, papers & funds, and will explain to you the instructions under which he has heretofore acted. In order that there may be no embarrassment arising out of the settlements with the Mr Creeks individually, I wish you to have nothing to do with them in your accounts. Lt. Boardman, understanding them fully, will close that business. Your accounts will commence with the second Quarter; whatever disbursements Lt. B. may have made can be placed upon your abstracts.

I anticipate a very large emigration of Creeks during the present year, ~~& I hope that you will be prepared to provide for them~~ & additional instructions shall be sent to you.

G.G.

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April 3d. 1835.

Gen. Wiley Thompson,
Supt. Seminole Removal &c.
Seminole Agency, Florida.

Sir,

The 5th. Article of the Seminole Treaty Stipulates, that the United States will take the cattle belonging to the Seminole indians, at the valuation of some discreet person to be appointed by the President, and that the amount shall be paid in money or other cattle, after their arrival west. You will therefore, proceed to fulfill this Stipulation in the following manner:

The cattle of those who emigrate will be taken, and valued at what may be considered the fair value, in the part of the country where they are taken. They will be distinguished according to the Statement enclosed, as Cows, Cows & calves, bulls, steers, heifers &c, the number and price of each placed in the appropriate column. The choice of money or other cattle, will also be indicated in like manner, as to which, let it be understood there can be no change.

This duty should be done with great care, and the agent to whom it is confided will be enjoined to use every means of arriving at a proper decision in each case, and of convincing those concerned that he is right. (in margin)

The Cattle will all be branded U.S. and sold at public sale, notice having first been given as extensively as possible. The proceeds will be paid immediately to the Disbursing Agent, or to a person duly authorized

by him to receive them

As soon as the business is closed, the Statement, will be forwarded to this office, and a copy kept by you. No certificates will be given to the Indians, but great accuracy will be required in the entries of the names of the owners.

A copy of the Statement will be taken West by Lt. Harris, who will leave it with Capt Brown. That Office will be instructed to advertise for proposals for furnishing the Cattle required, to be delivered after he receives the approval of the Statement from me. Lt. Harris will be directed to turn over to the Agents with a sufficient amt. of funds to pay those presenting ~~proper~~ vouchers, who will receive the appraisement price.

Assistant Agent Joel Yancey is designated to carry into effect the foregoing instructions, to which You will add such as You may think proper for his government & instruction with them. He will be considered while in the actual prosecution of this duty as performing service equivalent to travelling west with Indians & will receive his mileage & travelling expenses.

G.G.

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* ; he will also assure them that they shall receive cattle in every respect as good as those taken, and very shortly after they arrive in their new Country.

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Lt. J. W. Moore

4. April 1835.

Copied by
J. H. W.

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Lt. J. W. Moore
Disby Agt.
Choctaw Agency Weeky Arkansaw 77

April 4. 1833—

Sir.

Having Completed your duties as a Disby Agt to the western Choctaws, you are hereby assigned to the Disby agency of the Seminoles. You will report to Capt. Brown at L Rock, who will at the proper time direct you to proceed to Rock Row, for the purpose of superintending the arrangements he may make there for the reception of the Seminoles about to emigrate under the direction of Lt. Harris. You will accompany that officer with and when the Indians arrive in their new Country will take Charge of them. Further instructions will be transmitted to you.

G.G.

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Capt. Jacob Boon

4. April 1835.

Copied by

J. A. W.

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copied by J. A. W.

April 4. 1835.

Capt. Jacob Brown
2. Da.
Adjt. Gen.

Sir,

The Disbursing Agents west will be located as follows: Lieut. Stephenson with the Creeks; Lt. Moore with the Seminoles; and Lieut: Van Horne with the Cherokees.—

I shall immediately address instructions to each of these gentlemen, copies of which will be sent to you.
You will pursue such course in relation to them as may be demanded by their Change of Situation.

G. G.

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Copied by D.W.H.

April 3d. 1835.

Lieut. D.W. Harris,
Dpty Agt Seminoles,
Seminole Agency, Florida.

Sir,

I have to day given Gen. Thompson special instructions, while he is absent, on the subject of the Cattle to be taken from the Seminoles and appraised, under the 5th Article of the Treaty. I refer you to the Copy enclosed, for particulars. You will see that you are to take with you west of the Mississippi the "statement" of the cattle received. this you will give to Capt. Brown, who will be directed by him, to advertise for the delivery, in the usual country, as many head as may be required.

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In the meantime the Statement forwarded to this office from Florida will enable me to transmit the funds to pay as well those Indians who are to receive Cattle, as to furnish cattle to those who prefer them.

G. G.

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Lieut. J. C. Casey
3rd Artl.
Fort Morgan
Ala.

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Lieut. S. W. Harris

3d April 1835.

Copied by
S. H. W.

I am directed by the Secretary of War to transmit the enclosed letter from Governor Call of Florida with a request that the Indians who are to receive cattle may be furnished with such proportion of them as you may think proper.

I am &c.

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April 3. 1835.

Lt. M. W. Batman
Dy Agt Cherokees East
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

You will receive herewith [illegible]
the instructions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, [illegible]
[illegible] for making disbursements under direction of the Commissioners
recently appointed to treat with the Cherokees east.

G.G.

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No 12

Col°. A. C. Pepper
Supd Pot: Reml
Rising Sun
Indª

Dupl: to
Logansport
Indª

apl. 2nd 1833

Copied by J. O. { Copy & Dupl. }

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Copied J. C. Ds Duplicate

April 2nd 1835.

Col. A. C. Pepper

Supt. Rem. Ind. Potawats.

Riding Sun, Ind.a

Duplicate to Logansport Ind.a

Sir,

Owing to the necessity for certain preliminary information, this Office could not forward your instructions (for emigration) at the time it was verbally suggested to you they would be ready. Nor can they now be, for you will see by the letter of the Secretary of War, dated the 27th ult.o that a report upon the Potawatamie Location treaty subject is contained in his letter of the 26th June ult.o in regard to which a removal to the place is required. This is deemed very important, and your attention to it is demanded without delay.

~~Col Pepe has also been addressed~~

It is proper to state that your compensation as Superintendent recommenced on the 1st of this month.

G.G.

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copied F. C. —

May 23. 1835.

Lt. Edward Dead,
4th Artillery, Fort Mitchell,
Alab.a

Sir, You are appointed a Disbursing Agent in the emigration of the Creek Indians, and will report to Capt. John Page, Disbursing Agent, under whose directions you will act in the disbursement of public moneys you will get. It will be your duety to cooperate with the Superintendent of the Removal Colonel Jno. B. Hogan, whose requisitions for transportation, subsistence &c, you will fulfill under the guidance of the Regulations & the instructions furnished to Capt. Page.

The moneys expended by you will be regularly accounted for to this office; but the vouchers will first be examined by Capt. Page; who will, after such examination, sign the abstracts.

It is much to be desired that you will as soon as possible make yourself acquainted with the details of your duety; & Capt Page will, however, enable you speedily to master them.

A copy of the "Regulations" is enclosed, & this, together with a Circular relating to many matters of interest connected with the removal

2 Lt Dean

You will communicate with their office; directly as well as with the Superintendent & Disbursing Agent, upon matters of interest

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Capt. Jno. Page

Dists Offr Creeks

Fort Mitchell

Ala

May 23rd 1835

Copied by

J. O.

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Copied G. O.

May 23d. 1835.

Capt. Jno Page,
Disbg Agent Creeks.
Fort Mitchell Alab.

Sir,

Lieut. Ed. Dias, has, ~~in consequence of the representations of the Superintendent, that~~ an additional disbursing agent would be wanted, been detailed by the Adjt General for duty in the Ramm[illegible] Agency, and will reach Fort Mitchell in a few days. Enclosed is a copy of his instructions.

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610.

Col. Jno. B. Kogan
Supt Rem. Creek Nds.
Fort Mitchell
Ala
May 23rd " 1835

Copied
J. O.

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Copy

May 23. 1835.

Col: Geo B. Morgan
Supt: Creek Inds.
Fort Mitchell Alaba.

Sir,

Lieut: Deas will report to Capt. Page who will give him instructions in regard to the disbursement of public moneys, and he will meet your requisitions, in accordance with the Regulations and the instructions already given to Capt. Page.

Lieut: Deas may be employed wherever you deem it proper for him to go. You are referred however, to the instructions to you & to the parts of Capt: Page's instructions which relate to the supplying of parties going west with provisions and transportation. It will be seen, that the necessity for another disbursing officer was to be obviated by Capt. Page's making contracts through the whole route to Memphis, for both transportation and provisions; transferring only enough money to pay the necessary contingencies. This transfer wise of course taken place when the additional Disb. agent does not conduct a party.

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May 21st 1835.

Capt. Jacob Brown
Principal Disbursing Agent
Little Rock

Sir,

Your letters of the 28th & 30th of April and the 1st of May, with their enclosures, are received. The subject of the first, the expenses incurred in securing the public property lately in the Arkansas, will be investigated very shortly. The monthly abstracts are filed. The orders of the War Department, favoring Mr Kellam's claim for $7 40/100, are, with the bills you have made out, returned. There can be no objection to the claim except the want of date and, as we advise, the number possessed. As Mr. Armstrong is now at Little Rock, he can readily authenticate the transaction by his certificate, when you will please pay the amount. The claimant will make affidavit

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Col. J. B. Hogan
Supt. Rem. Creek
Fort Mitchell Ala.

May 21st 1835.

Sir,

Your several letters of the 1st, 9th & 11th Instants are at hand. The latter urges the appointment of one or two additional disbursing agents. [redacted] has been ordered to proceed immediately to Fort Mitchell to enter upon such duty as he may be designated to perform. His instructions will be despatched tomorrow, and will reach Fort Mitchell by the time he arrives there. It is believed the other officer cannot be obtained in time to render any service in the approaching removal.

J. H. H.

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May 21. 1835.

Col. T. J. V. Owen
Supt. Ren. Chicago Polls
Chicago. Ills

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th May to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in reply to one recommending the appointment by you of Jos. N. Bourassa interpreter to the Emigrating Indians, has been referred to this office. I am directed by the Secretary of War to say, that the reasons offered by you for making such an appointment, are perfectly satisfactory. The Department will do nothing to impair the efficiency of the service in which you are engaged.

I am
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Gen. Wm Clark
Supt Ind Affs.
St Louis Mo.

May 21
Office 1835.

Sir,

Your accounts for the 4th Qr. 1834, received at this office on the 28th February ultc. have since been examined. They are found correct, and the balance due you $3107 78 cents has been remitted to you some time since; but the Secretary of War directed a suspension of the settlement till the 2d Auditor could settle the accounts rendered.

An appropriation has been made by Congress for supplying the Potawatamies of Indiana with presents - they have been advertised for, and will be sent to St. Louis in the Course of the Summer. I should be glad, therefore, if the furnishing of agricultural implements by Major Cummins, under the authority given of the 25th Nov. ults. could be completed immediately, so that [redacted] to which it has been may be known before the distribution is made to any future emigrants; the mode for which will be arranged by this office.

There will be a very earnest attempt to remove both the Potawatamies of the Wabash and those of the Chicago Agency. Col. Pepper will superintend the former, and a

Col.

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Col H. J. W. Owen the latter. (2) But prior to removal, Col Owen will take all charge exploring expedition to examine the new Country & the N. W. Corner of Missouri. It is the decided wish of the Secy. of War that prudently the Chicago Indians, but those of Indiana, should settle on the above mentioned tract. The latter, Gov Pepper has intelligence prefer going further South; but it is believed they will all be located together. Whilst upon this subject I will remark upon a passage in your letter of the 9th Decbr in reply to the question put by me, whether the Potawatomies were title to the Kickapoo Lands & whether they did not intend to settle them. You state that you know of no claim asserted to the Potawatt. part of the Illinois, though you had understood that the Chicago treaty contemplated giving the Potawatomie nation a considerable tract. Now, it was their tract, the Potawatomies, who emigrated under Gen Harrison, were expected to settle upon, - and to which they allended. The enquiry was made by direction of the Secy of War. As soon as the two Superintendents report to the War Department, upon this subject, as they have lately been required to do, particularly with respect to the intentions of the Commissioners & the Indians who made the Chicago treaty, - under which the land is held in trust, - your views will be communicated & then acted upon, every means will be taken for the whole matter, - instructions will be given for the removal of the Potawatomies from the Kickapoo Country.

Gen.

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With regard to the mode of keeping Separate accounts adverted to in Memo of the 10th December, you ask, in what manner they should be kept where there is but one agent and no interpreter as in the case of Mr Kelly and Mr Cadiz, to more than one tribe? — In this Case [redacted] the Estimates & Expenditures for both Tribes can invariably be rendered between the tribes

For the reasons stated in the first paragraph of this letter the remittance of the amount of [redacted] funds for the 1st Quarter of this year has been suspended also

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Wm. B. Lewis Esqr

2d Audr. Treasy.

May 21st 1835

Copied
I. O.

May 24. 1835.

Wm B. Lewis Esq.
2d. Auditor Treasy.

Sir,

I transmit to you the following accounts of Genl Wm. Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, St Louis.

1st. Quarr 1834	For disbursements in subsistence of the Kickapoos and the Potawatomies west of the Mississippi
2nd do "	
3rd do "	
4th do "	
1st & 2d Qrs 1834	For subsistence of Shawnees west of Miss:
3 Qr (part) 1834	

It is proper to state that all the above, save the account for the 4th quarter of 1834, have been made by Genl Clark; and that the account has, with the others, been examined in this Office, & allowed

I. H. I.

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Col: R. M. Johnson

Geo: Town

Ky

May 20th " 1835

Copied by

J. O

Copied G. O.

May 21st.

Col. W. M. Johnson
Georgetown Ky.

Sir, I transmit to you the
Copy of a letter just received from Col Yancey. You
will perceive that he is at his post; and I trust
the measures taken by me in relation to the payment
of his salary may, as he thinks they will, ensure his
efficiency as a public officer.

G.G.

602.

C. A. Harris Esq:
Actg Secy War

May 20th 1833

Copied J. O.

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Copied L. & O.

May 20th 1835.

C. A. Harris Esq.
Acty Asst Adjt Genl

Sir,

I am earnest request has been made to this office by the Superintendent of the Creek removal, for an additional disbursing officer in the Creek nation, Alabama. I have the honor to request, therefore, that an officer may be directed to be detailed for this service, from the nearest point at which one can be spared, and that he be directed to report without delay by letter to this Office and in person to Capt. Lee Page Disby Agt. Fort Mitchell Alab.a. The duty it is thought will be temporary.

I. H. H.
Acty C. G. S.

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Lieut: Martin Burke
3d artil.
Comdg. Armsmear Allegh. Arsenal
Pittsb.
Penn:

May 19th 1835

Copied
J. O.

May 19. 1835.

Lt. Martin Burke
3d Artillery Camp
Allegheny Arsenal, Pittsburgh Pa.

Sir, Your [illegible] letter is
at hand. The instructions [illegible] Ordnance Dept. have been
forwarded to you.

You do not understand the Quantity of
the quadrature of the Iron. Three should be your order
fourth of half a ton: 1120 = 280 pounds.

The hoes will be of the description called
Hilling, Weeding, Squaring. The small additional price
of 50 cts or $1.00 per dozen will be of no consequence.

May 19. 1835.

Lt. J. Van Horne
Disby agt. Cherokees.
Fort Gibson.

Sir,

I have been solicitous as to the subject of the Rifles, Blankets, &c &c belonging to the Creeks & Quapaws, which you have reported to have been sunk in the Arkansaw and more or less damaged. But as a more full report was expected from you and as promised by Capt. Brown, neither of which is yet received, I have therefore delayed till now giving you any instructions on the subject.

I gather from your letter and the report of the boarding Officers, that there were

Shipped.

Rifles in Good order . . . 414
do - damaged & unfit, Locks, Barrels &c . . . 538
do - Stocks & Locks unfit for use . . . 48 1000 Rifles

Blankets - Some wholly lost & not materially damaged pcs. 329½
(The condition of the remainder not ascertained
I have receipts that 13 are unfit to use
17½ pairs lost)
30½
Lost to the amount of what is the entire loss 166? 520 pcs. Blankets

Powder Spoiled . . . Kegs 17
do Apparently in good order - loss 15. (carrying ammunition) 52
69
(Refuse on the remainder 80 Kegs purchased for the Creeks, that Capt. Brown shipped on the same steamer 10 Kegs for the Quapaws, in this case 1 Keg lost) 1 70 Kegs

2 [illegible]

Shipped

From [illegible], (This is for the Creeks and of course not rationally equipt) 2250 Ms Lead [illegible] do. Now in store not left with Purchasers at St Louis for Creeks 5000 Ms

By Capt Brown for Depot at Memphis 652 5652 Ms Lead

In addition to the foregoing you report that you have [illegible] received the "Cans, Mills, blankets, guns, axes &c. shipped from Philada. for the Creeks" and that "the bale of 50 pairs of blanket of this shipment was also wet, and broken open, - the damp which were in it were somewhat rusted &c"

The measures taken to secure and preserve the property [illegible] are Approved. The necessary expenses incident thereto will be paid, distinguishing the proportional expenses to be incurred in regard to goods of the different tribes.

Such of the Rifles as are fit to issue will be retained for that purpose, the remainder will be carefully boxed and shipped to [illegible] the Quarter Master Philadelphia via New Orleans, & Mobile at the latter place will be duly advised by you. The boxes will be marked on the outside "from the Creeks" That this business may be properly done, you will take care to have the guns

carefully inspected; those that are only slightly injured, and can be repaired in the nation may be considered fit to issue. A full report on the condition of all the articles will be made. The injured [illegible] and blankets will be immediately sold, the proceeds credited on your accounts, designating the name of the tribe.

G.G.

Copied L. C.

May 19. 1835.

B. F. Curry Esq
Supt. Cherokee Removal
Calhoun Tenn:

Sir,

Your report of the 30th ult., in answer to mine letter of the 7th ultimo is received, by which it appears that you have in prosperion as follows:

541 – three point Blankets, as originally rec'd. from Messrs Snyder Hackstaff & Co

9711 Rifles, Bored & in good order.

455 Tin Camp Kettles. –

40 lbs Tobacco

besides the following articles unfit for issue:

8 – three pt. Blankets – Moths eaten

5 – Chicasaw do —— do

These last you are authorized to sell, the proceeds to be turned over to the Disbursing Agt.

Nothing can be done with those good articles above mentioned but to issue them, as the departure westward of the Indians entitled to receive them – at least until some arrangements of a satisfactory character are effected with the Tribe.

Do the emigrants demand their tobacco?

2 B. F. Carey

I would remind you that a comparison of your statement with that furnished by Mr. Montgomery to the 2d. Auditor shows a small difference, viz:

	Blankets	Rifles	Kettles
Mr. Montgomery's . . .	572	983	659
B. F. C's . . .	554	976	655
Difference . . .	18	7	4

L. S.

May 19. 1835.

To W[illiam] Lewis Esq.
2nd Asst. Treasy Dept

Sir,

I send you herewith my accounts for disbursements of the public monies placed in my hands as Indian agent, embracing a period from the 3d quarter of 1833, to the end of the 1st quarter of 1835. There will be seen to be no balance remaining in my possession. I will thank you to settle them without delay

Yrs.

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C. A. Harris Esq:

Actg Secy War

May 18. 1835

Copied by
J. O.

Copies F. O.

May. 18. 1835

C. A. Harris Esq.
Acty Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to request that five hundred and forty four dollars and $\frac{66}{100}$ cts be appropriated for the removal and subsistence of Indians may be advanced to Lt. D. P. Upshaw Disby Agt. who will account for the same

$544 $\frac{66}{100}$

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C. A. Harris Esq
Actg. Sec? War

May 18th 1835 —

Copied by
J. B. S.

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Copied J. O.

May 18. 1835.

To
C. A. Harris Esq
Acting Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a Two thousand dollars out of appropriation for Removal and Subsistence of Indians, ~~heretofore advanced in March 1835~~ may be advanced to [redacted] W. Wm C. Easton, Agent for disbursements of Salaries Contingencies in the Emigration of Indians, for which there will be accountable

$2000

G.S.

Mr. Geo W. Freyer
Philadelphia

May 14th 1835.

Sir,

I have this day received yours of the 12th. inst. and proceed to reply to it without delay. You acknowledge the reception of mine of the 6th and express your surprize at its contents. That letter informed you, that although you were the lowest bidder in price for rifles, the Contract would be given to Mr. Deringer because his rifles were, on inspection, ~~whatever deemed by the inspector to be fully worth~~ the difference in price. It was a somewhat difficult task to arrange the mode by which the inspection should be accomplished, and the decision as to the rights of the bidders made. You had the advantage of Mr. Deringer, in price, by $2 13/100 per rifle, and an equal chance as to the supposed quality of the arms. It seemed then necessary, in order to the rendering of full justice to both parties, that the relative opacity of the arms should actually be ascertained. To inspect a part of each bidder, the full number to be furnished before making a decision, was out of the question; ~~[illegible]~~ it was therefore thought that as the Specimens were, presumably, a fair representation of the quality of the arms of each manufacturer, that it would be better to compare them together by some common test, which should operate fairly and equally, and to hold the decision as to the lowest bid, upon the

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results of such comparison. This was ordered to be done by one of the most accomplished officers of the Ordnance Service, a copy of whose entire report I enclose to you, as well as a copy of my instructions to him on the subject. You will see that the principles upon which he was directed to act are fair, and that he acted upon them with the most scrupulous good faith. We could show no preference any more than this Department would allow itself to be governed by ~~[illegible]~~ solicitation. The result you are acquainted with. The difficulty in the way to which I have before adverted, grew out of the fact, that the rifles were wanted very soon, sooner than they could be made; - that specimens of more than one manufacturers had, in fairness, to be selected; that, then, even the lowest bid could not decide, - for that would at once, have given an undue advantage, (offering any difference in quality) to the owner of that inferior article. Had specimens been selected solely with a view to enable manufacturers to make rifles by them, then the rifles due to the full extent of the number required would, of course, be entitled to inspection, - indeed there could be no competition, but as to price, - as it was, the competition existed necessarily as to both price and quality.

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You intimate that ~~you have~~ justice has been withheld from you; and say you "request accordingly that after having rec'd every encouragement to manufacture three six hundred rifles for the Dept: and having the greater portion of them on hand for several years to my serious loss, whilst Mr Deringer was supplying all the orders, I should again not only be deprived of disposing of them at a reduced price, but have my reputation as a manufacturer impeached" and you suggest that a "re-inspection may take place of the same guns" or that your "whole lot be tested on the four sample guns of Mr Deringer &c"

I hope I have satisfied you that the course pursued by the Department has been guided by perfect impartiality — in truth, that it could take no other. I am sensibly alive to the importance of your character as a manufacturer, and would by no means take any step to effect its fair and reputable standing. But it must be apparent to you, that in submitting your manufactures to the test of a ~~scrutiny such as is applied by the Contractor~~ comparison such as those whose pecuniary interests are opposed to yours have a right to demand, you must calculate upon the chances of that scrutiny and yield to the inevitable necessity that the decision imposes. The same cause of complaint might be said to exist on the part of all those numerous persons who, every year, fail in their competition for the various contracts with the Government. More than what I have said you will, of course, conclude that your request for a reinspection cannot be complied with. And

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And I will further remark that the [redacted] to repeat your own solicitation, as no part of the [redacted] of the Department felt itself authorized to give, that involved no [redacted], most generally paramount to a law, under which it is now its duty to act. The encouragement, such as it was, was not given without every disposition to comply with the obligation it might be considered as imposing. And whatever superior advantages may have been reaped by Mr. Deringer, must not be attributed to a set purpose to disparage or injuriously affect your interests; but solely to a preference manifested by the gentlemen whose duty it had been made to select between you; which duty, I am bound to believe, was performed with the most upright and disinterested intentions.

You will please call on Major Mackey in whose possession the four rifles deposited with him by you, may be found. He will return them to you.

593.

Col: A. C. Pepper

Supt Remd. Potts Indn

Rising Sun

Inda

14 May 1835

Copied J. O.

Col a. C. Pepper

May 14. 1835

Supt. Ind. Affs. Neal Potts. Ind.

Rec. Jun. 2nd

Sir,

Enclosed is a

Copy of the instructions given to Lt. J. P. Simatons,
Disbursing Agt. Ind. Potawatamies

G. B.

May 13. 1835.

Capt: J. P. Taylor
Commissary of Subs:
Louisville Ky.

Sir,

Since mine of the 5th inst:

I have received yours of the 28th & 30th ultimo. The latter encloses a contract with Mr. Thomas Boyle for the Ploughs, Looms, Wheels and Cards. You remark that Mr. Boyle objects to the boxing and packing of the looms; and that the agreement is understood by you and him to extend to the boxing and packing of the gearing. Whatever the understanding might have been, it is not so expressed in the Contract, and Mr. Boyle must, at all events, comply with its terms so far as they require him to put the articles, mentioned in this agreement in good sufficient shipping order, by boxing, packing and so forth; and that he pay all expences incident to said inspection, packing, and delivery." If it should be agreed that "good shipping order" does not, as regards the looms, mean boxing, then they must be put up in some other "good & sufficient" manner.

Will the looms whose cross pieces are tightened with wooden wedges instead of iron screws, cut less than the Contract price of the latter?

J. R.

Capt A. Mackenzie
Ordnance Service
Frankford Arsenal

May 13th 1835.

Sir,

Yours of the 8th is just received.

You request to be informed whether the kegs of powder and the keg 25 lbs or smaller. I did not think it necessary to specify particularly the size of the kegs because both Mr Dupont & Mr Gansdell have furnished powder, and no deviation has been made from the usual size of kegs. You will, however, please to have powder that the powder will be packed as usual in former cases, in 25 lbs kegs & the kegs in boxes copper nailed. I have written to Maj Mackay about the shipment, which will I presume be made, as heretofore, from Wilmington. It will not be necessary to store it, or it can be shipped with the rifles.

You have my permission, most cheerfully, to retain a keg of the powder to test the rifles with. It will be proper, however, to forward your receipt for the keg in lieu of Maj Mackay's for the keg, with a certificate of the mode of its expenditure.

GG.

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May 12th 1835

Lt. L. G. Howe,
4th Infantry,
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 2nd. ultimo. from Fort Mitchell, with its enclosures. The manner in which you have performed the duty of examining the goods in Mr Sayre's hands at Montgomery, and separating them, meets my approbation. You will please accept my thanks. In my first letter you were told that you would be allowed your actual expenses, which would be paid to you by Capt. Page on your rendering him an account with a certificate thereon. Capt. P. will doubtless reach Alabama before you depart for Tennessee, & you will forward the account to me.

Yrs.

Hon: Levi Woods
Secretary.

May 12th. 1835.

Sir, I have the honor to request that Fifteen thousand dollars out of appropriation for "Expenses of transportation and subsistence" of Potawatomies of the Wabash, for act approved 2d March 1833 & may be deposited to the credit of Lt. P.P. Simonton, U.S. Disbursing Agent of Potawatomies, with the Franklin Bank in Cincinnati, for which sum he will be accountable

$15,000

May 13th. 1835.

Capt: Jacob Brown
Pr. Dist. agt. Rock R.

Sir,

I have directed Capt.
Mo Pay Dist. agt Crosby, to deliver to you from the Arsenal at
New Orleans, 28 Rifles, and 1162 pairs blankets. These are
to be stored at Little Rock to be distributed to the Cherokee Emigrants
whom may [illegible] at or near that place the ensuing summer or fall. Rules
for the distribution will be sent to your Agency Office.

Enclosed is a copy of the Statement forwarded to
me by the Officer engaged in inspecting and arranging them for
shipment, - it may suffice for our purpose.

J. G.

May 12th 1835.

Capt. Wm Page,
Disby. Agt. Creeks
Fort Mitchell Alab.

Sir,

Since my instructions to you on the subject of the goods belonging to the United States in the hands of Wm. Sayre of Montgomery Alab. I have instructed an officer, Lieut. J. Hook, at Fort Mitchell to inspect those goods carefully, and to have them packed for transportation to Little Rock, by way of New Orleans, and to report to me, - all which he has done. I enclose to you a copy of his statement, shewing the conditions in which he found the goods, one of the rifles shewing the manner in which he has arranged them for transportation, and a copy of his report. You will perceive by it, that he has deposited with an auctioneer fifteen of damaged rifles and five pairs of damaged blankets. Ten of these rifles appear to have become damaged without any fault of Mr. Sayre, five of the rifles were taken from the box and had been injured by rust. Mr. Sayre's bill to December last is also enclosed. If this bill upon enquiry and examination appears reasonable, and not beyond the customary charges of the place, you will pay it, with a pro rata addition to the date of receiving & shipping the goods. But you will first deduct the cost of fifteen rifles missing and five damaged rifles, calculating the cost of each rifle at twelve dollars and fifty cents. You can ascertain the loss on the damaged ones from the result of the sale by the auctioneer. As soon as the goods are paid for, you will ship them to New Orleans, advising the officer and Lieut Hook of the fact. You will also advise Capt Mayo of the time of shipment, and send him a copy of the bill of lading

G.G.

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Mr. Jno. Sims. —

Columbus
Ga
May 11th 1835 —

Copied by
J. O. S.

Genl. O-S

May 11. 1835.

Majr Genl Gains
Columbus Geo.

Sir, Your letter without date,
and indorsable for business on 4th. Aut. 4th under Col Hills, sig'd
but postmarked in December 1834, was received with the Jany.
mlts. In order to reply to it, I have awaited a report from
Colonel Hill, of his operations in the attempt last fall and
winter to remove the Creeks. But not having had such
report, and it just being put in possession of the accounts of the
Disbg Qr. Mast. Dept. which has recently returned
from Florida I have begged how much Col Hill exceeded his powers,
the Creek nations 11 - I am compelled to reject your Claim
[illegible] received, [illegible]
[illegible] services rendered [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Messrs Suydam Jackson & Co

Merchts

New York

May 9th 1835

Copied by
J. O.

Copied & Q.

Messrs. Snyder Jackson & Co
Merchants NYork

May 9th. 1833

Gent:

I have received through

Col. Stanton your bills for Blankets sent:

Blankets shipped via Albany to Ft Monroe
850 prs. amtg to —— $6437.50

do to Major Brant
850 pairs amtg to —— 6437.12

$12,875.00

~~This duplicate~~ The bills with evidences of delivery have been examined in this office, approved and transmitted to the 2d. Auditor, by whom in a few days the above amt. will be transmitted to you.

G.G.

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Lt. Col. H. Stanton

Dr. Mather

N. York

May 9th 1835.

Copied by

J. O.

Copied J. C.

May 9th 1835.

Lt. Col M. Stanton,
Dr. Mr. N. York

Sir,

Your favor of the 28th ult. was rec'd. on the 4th inst: the enclosures, the bills of Messrs Snyder & Jackson for blankets, have been examined. They are correct & the Amount $12,875.00 will be remitted, to the Disbursing Officer of the Quarter Master's Department, on the Auditor passing them:

The deviation from a strict compliance with my instructions, as to the Size of the blankets, is of little consequence.

You will please to accept my thanks for the very satisfactory manner in which you have performed this business.

J.G.

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Lt. J.W. Harrell

Dist Qgr. Mc

Fort Morgan

Ala.

May 9th 1835

Copd.

J.O.

CONSULTED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

May 9. 1835

Lt. J. W. Harris
Dubq Agt. ~~Alabama~~ Florida Indians
Fort Levy Alab.

Sir, I have rec'd your
letter of the 15th ult. covering your accounts for the Qr. ending 31st March 1835.
The purchase of Corn and Salt is approved. ~~The articles~~
~~be stocked that of the Indians Prairie Farm, Hog~~
~~with Lemon Tr~~
Your ~~Journals~~ advice of the results of the Council
with the Indians is waited for with much anxiety

Blank forms of Acct. are sent to you

Gly.

May 8: 1835.

Wm B. Lewis Esq.
2d Auds. Treasy Dpt:

Sir,

I transmit herewith two bills of Meyrs. Leupdam, Jackson & Co. of New York for blankets furnished:

850 pairs for Potawatamies Ind.s $6437.50
850 pairs for Seminoles of Florida 6,437.50

purchased from them under my advertisement of the 17th March, a copy of which is enclosed, and from which they were the lowest bidders. Their bid is also enclosed

The bills of Messrs Y & G are supported by the Certificate of Lt Col Henry Stanton 2nd Asst Master, and by the Receipts of the respective parties.

I therefore request that a warrant for $12,875 may be remitted to these gentlemen at Norfolk out of the following appropriations:

Appn for fuel &c Steamer Potomac being for 2 Oct 1832 to 2 March 1833	$5,250.00
Appn for same object from 2 March 1833 to 3 March 1835	1,187.50
	$6,437.50
Appn for blankets &c to each vessel for their respective crews from 1 May 1832 to the Expiration of the 3d March 1835	6,437.50
	$12,875

Ld 27 Jan 1837
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May 9. 1835.

Capt. Leo Page
Disby Agt Creeks
Fort Mitchell Alaba.

Sir,

You will receive and confirm to the instructions of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, in relation to the annuity of the Creek Indians, which is understood will be shortly paid to them through you

I.G.

May 9. 1835

Col. J. B. Hogan
Supt. Creek Affairs
Fort Mitchell

(Supt: to Mobile)

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of War to say, that in case of the necessity arising in the Creek Country for the interference of an armed force, to preserve order and protect the lives of our citizens, the President will, on the application of the executive of Alabama, order a detachment of U.S. troops to take the field into the Creek Country. And I am further directed to say, that the intercourse law is now inoperative, and that the Creek Indians must be considered liable to the Operation of the laws of that State.

In this state of things, you will redouble, if possible, your efforts to effect an early removal. It is hoped the Indians will yield to the manifest benefits that await their emigration, and fly the evils that encompass them on all hands whilst they remain in the State.

W. G.

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A. L. Davis —

Sub Agt. Potawatamies —

Fort Leavenworth

May 8th 1835 — —

Copied
J. O.

copied J. O.

May 8. 1835.

Mr. A. L. Davis,
Sub Agt. Potawatamies
Fort Leavenworth,

Sir,

Enclosed you will find an invoice of blankets shipped from New York, via New Orleans, to St. Louis, and to be shipped from the last named place, by Majr J. B. Brant, to you at Fort Leavenworth. That gentleman will pay further freight from St. Louis, upon your endorsement of the bill of lading.

Special instructions will be transmitted to you for the distribution of these ~~goods~~ and other articles of presents, about to be sent to you. ~~addressed~~ Meanwhile I wish to obtain a precise ~~statement~~ of what has been received by those indians through Major Cummins.

I should like to hear from you occasionally, on the subject of the Condition, ~~situations~~ &c of those indians.

J. G.

Maj. L. B. Brant
Dr. Mr. St. Louis Mo:

May 8. 1835.

Sir,

A shipment of sixteen bales of blankets will be immediately made from New York, via New Orleans, to your address at St. Louis. They are intended for the Potawatamies, who have recently been about to remove, from the vicinity of the Indiana agency. I request that you will have them transported to A. L. Davis, Sub agent Potawatamies, Fort Leavenworth. You will please to pay the expences of transportation from New Orleans to St. Louis; and from the latter place to Fort Leavenworth, upon the receipt of Mr. Davis being written on the bills of lading; and charge the expenditures, and any others of the same character incurred within the Quarter, on a separate abstract of your accounts rendered to the Quarter Master's Department. The proper transfers & appropriation will be made here.

J. G.

May 8. 1835.

Lt. J. W. Moore
Disby Agt. Seminoles,
Care of Capt. J. Bonn, L. Rock A. T.

Sir.

There will be shipped immediately from New York, Seventeen bales of blankets, to care of Lt. A. Drane Asst Quarter Master at New Orleans, which he will have transported to you without delay. They are intended for the Seminoles about to emigrate from Florida. You will pay the freight from New Orleans, and have the bales carefully examined and stored. The expence incident to this will be charged to Seminole account.

Instructions for the distribution of the blankets will be speedily be sent to you. A copy of the invoice is enclosed.

J.J.

May 8. 1835.

Lt A. Drane,
asst Qr. Master
New Orleans

Sir,

There will be shipped to your care immediately, from New York, by Colonel H. Stanton Quarter Master, Seventeen bales of Blankets, marked from 1 to 17, addressed to Lt. J. W. Moore, Disbursing Agent, Fort Gibson; and sixteen bales of Blankets, from 1 to 16, addressed to Major D. B. Brant, Quarter Master, St Louis Mo. — You will please to have these transported per steamboat to their places of destination. The contractors write respectfully to pay the freight from New Orleans.

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Capt. I. R. Stephenson....

Disby Agt

Care of Capt. I Broan

Little Rock

May 7th 1835

Copied by
J. O.

Copied J. O.

May 7. 1835

Capt: J. R. Stephenson
Disb'g Agt.
care of Capt. Brown Little Rock.

Sir,

The following letters from you have been received, 1st February, 22d & 29th March, and 5th April, with their respective enclosures. Your accounts for disbursements in the Emigration of Indians, up to the termination of the Subsistence of the Choctaws lately, shall be settled in this office with as little delay, as other matters of a similar character now to be defended, may permit.

Yrs.

May 16th 1835

Major Aeneas Mackay
Quart. Mast. Phila.

Sir,

Capt. Mordecai has reported to me his inspection of the rifles. He has been told that Mr. Deringer was deemed as the successful competitor for the Contract, and directed to inspect three hundred and twenty five of his rifles. Capt. M. suggests that the rifle barrels be taken to Frankford. I wish that whatever arrangements is made may be agreeable to the contractor, with whom I will thank you to converse upon the subject. When Capt. Mordecai has approved of the requisite number of rifles, they will be received by you. He has been requested to procure 1625 pounds of powder which he will transfer to you. The Rifles and powder will be securely packed for transportation, and shipped to Lt. A. Drane, Asst. D. Quart. Master New Orleans. The packages

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Majr Alexy Mackay
2d Mr
Phila

May 6th 1835

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packages will be marked "For the Potawatomies," ~~Lieut. Wm. Clark.~~ Maj. W. Clark, Brevt
~~Lieut. Wm. Clark St. Louis~~
Quart. Mast. St. Louis.

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All the expences attendant upon the purchase and shipment of the powder will be paid by the sender.

I will thank you to forward me duplicate bills of lading.

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copied G.O. (2)

May 5th 1835.

Lt. J. P. Symonton,
Disbg Agt. Loganspt. Potts
Washington City,

Sir,

I have transmitted to Col. Pepper, Superintendt of the removal of the Potawatamies of the Loganspat Agency, the instructions of which the enclosed is a Copy. You will see that it is contemplated speedily to attempt an emigration; and that your presence with the Indian Country will soon be demanded.

Refer you to the above named instructions for the views of the War Department. You will examine the object to hurry off the Indians with all possible despatch. The greatest degree of activity must therefore be infused into all your proceedings.

You are well aware, that the contract system for the supply of provisions in the most western, is decidedly preferred by the Department. So that if the most favorable offer of you being supplied by contract by responsible persons, you will contract before hand for the supplies as may be needed during the passing season of emigration. The

2 Lt. Spinster

Arrangement will be so made, that should parties pass after you, they can load from their conductors leaving a regular provision Checks, or orders of the Agents. Your checks can be presented to you at a proper time, for Settlement. This Course with regard to the Supplying of provisions in Regimental Caravans & do not with more money be left into the hands of others, than will suffice to pay for forage, and other absolutely necessary contingent expenses. Whenever money is expended by you or them, the greatest precautions will be expected. The Circular hereunto will point out to you many details which you will closely adhere to.

The mode of Employing Transportation, Baggage, will be seen in the Circular; and Masters of Teams, or Teamsters, will sign the roll of which you will find a copy among the blank forms.

I do not, now, deem it requisite to instruct you more minutely with respect to your duties. The papers just referred to will, with what I have written, be enough to guide you steadily in your course. There is one all important thing I will draw your attention to, — I mean economy. You must in all things attend closely to the character of the disbursements, and avoid expenses of every kind not strictly necessary, or required positively to be made by the Superintendent, in which latter case his is chargeable, if after examination he should be found upon fair enquiry to have exceeded his powers. It is hoped that you will in all respects harmonize and cooperate cheerfully in the performance of your respective functions.

Fifteen thousand dollars shall be deposited at Cincinnati to your credit.

This proper to remark in addition to what is written by the Superintendent, that until other arrangements

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Lt. J. P. Simonton
Lds 6.9 Inf. & Lagan Ds
Party
Washington
May 5th 1835.

(4) To Senator

may be made, Mr A. L. Davis, Sub agt Potawatamies,
Fort Leavenworth, will take Charge of the Indians on their new
lands. He is at present in Charge of the Potawatamies, who
remain under Mr Sands & others, and have temporarily
located on the Kickapoo lands. accompanying the Corrected
muster roll will be returned over to him; and the
original sent to me.

May 5th 1835.

Mr. H. Deringer
Philad.a

Sir,

Your proposals of the 6th April for furnishing three hundred & twenty five Rifles, under the advt. of this office dated the 18th March, were opened on the 20th April. No decision could be had between the Competitors for the Contract, until an examination of the Specimen Arms was made. This has been accomplished by Capt. Mordecai, and the result is that you are deemed to be entitled to deliver the balance of the whole number, two three hundred & twenty one Rifles. That gentleman will inspect them. The mode in which this is to be performed is left with him. Whatever that may be, it is to be presumed it will only be intended to prove the quality of those offered to be equal to the Specimens. As soon as the inspection is completed the

Rifles will be received by Maja Mackay, who will receipt for them, - and your bill must include all expenses till they are shipped. The cost of inspection will be borne by you. When I receive the evidences of delivery with the bill, I will have the money transmitted to you.

I will here remark, in reply to your letter of the 19th of Nov. of the 21st ult., and to the one of the same date, that the Secretary of War does not consider you to have any claim in regard to the delivery of Rifles, but these to be denied from a successful competition under advertisement for proposals.

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Gso. W. Tryon

Phila

5th May 1835

Copied

J.O.

Copied J. O.

May 2d. 1835.

Mr. Geo. W. Lyon,
Phila.

Sir, Your proposal dated the 1st ult. for furnishing rifles under my advt. of the 18th of March, were opened on the 11th of April. They were the lowest, but as the only mode which suggested itself, was to ascertain the relative quality of the specimen rifles, and be governed in my decision by the result of an inspection by a competent officer; I proceeded, as you already know, to have them tested by Capt. Mordecai. The nature of his report, you are perhaps acquainted with. He states that three out of four of your specimens would not pass inspection, and that all four of those deposited by Mr. Deringer would. And he adds that Mr. D.'s rifles were, besides, fully worth the difference in the price. Under these circumstances it was impossible to hesitate to give the contract to Mr. Deringer. This has, accordingly, been done.

G. G.)

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May 5th. 1835.

Lieut: Martin Burke,

Ordnance Service,

Pittsburgh Pa.

Sir,

The Colonel of Ordnance wishes directs you to ~~make~~ complete effect by Contracting for the purchase of articles for the Emigrating Indians, viz:

300 axes
300 Hoes
½ Ton Iron
3 Cwt. Steel.

The axes must be Steeled with Cast steel, and of about the following weights 2, 2½ and 3 pounds, of each, if they can be obtained, an equal number.

The Hoes will be strong and well Steeled, and will weigh about 1 lb, 1½ and 2 lbs, one third each.

The Iron will be of ½ inch round; 1 3/4 by 3/4 Flat; 5/8 Square, and axe bars, each equal quantity.

The Steel ½ Crowley ½ English Blister

2 McBride

All the articles should be of the very best quality in all respects. They will be bought at the lowest cash prices, and as soon as the bills, with certificate of inspection and your receipts come to hand, the money will be remitted.

You will please to have them rigidly inspected, and put up in convenient packages for transportation. All the expenses till they are put on board a steam boat will be included in the bills of purchase. They will be shipped to Captain I. P. Taylor, Commissary of Subs. Louisville Kentucky. The packages will be marked "Potawatamies" A bill of lading should be sent to this Office

I will thank you for a prompt attention to the foregoing.

J. G.

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May 5. 1835.

Col Gage Bamford
Ordnance Dpt.

Sir

I request that Lieut:
Martin Burke of the Ordnance, at Pittsburgh, may be
directed by you to receive my instructions for the purchase
of certain articles for the emigrating Indians.

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May 4. 1835.

Capt A. Mordecai
Ordnance Service
Frankford Arsenal Pa

Sir, I have rec'd yours of the 29th ult., giving me the result of your inspection of the Specimen rifles manufactured by Mr Leman and Mr Deringer.

Your report shows evidently that Deringer's rifles were all capable of standing inspection, and that three out of four of Leman's were not. A decision upon the claims of these two competitors for the Contract, can only be made by me from the inspection of these Specimens, which it must be presumed are equal at least in quality to any they would offer for the purpose of fulfilling the Contract. Now as you are of opinion, in addition to the fact of superiority, indicated upon the inspection, that Deringer's rifles are the different of workmanship in favour fully of the Leman's rifles, I am anxious that I may be made with Mr Deringer to whom I will write upon the subject.

equal to the difference of cost - they must by according to my letter of intentions to you, cheaper for the price. Mr. Deringer is therefor Considered as entitled to ~~the~~ make the delivery under my advertisement.

Agreeable to the intimation in my former letter, I now request that you will inspect three hundred and twenty one rifles of the manufacture of Mr Deringer. ~~The reading inspection should be such as will fairly test their quality to be equal to the Specimens.~~ You desire ~~request~~ that an understanding may be had with the Contractors as to the mode of proof, in order to avoid disputes, and also that the barrels may be taken to Frankford. The mode of inspection should be such as will fairly test their Quality to be equal to the Specimens. This I must leave with you. With regard to the transportation of the barrels to the posts, an arrangement may be made with Mr Deringer to whom I will write upon the subject.

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There should be of each of the rifles so numbered ~~and noted~~ by you in the proof table, one fourth of the whole number. But I am not particular on this head so that those offered are proof. There should, also, be a close inspection of the locks and every other part and appurtenance.

I would ask your opinion as to the policy of retaining the four proved rifles as patterns for future Contractors.

Be pleased to let me know, as far as may be necessary to form a proper judgment of the Quality of the arms furnished, the particulars of the inspection.

Major Mackey of the Contractors will inform you of the time when patterns will be in readiness.

When the inspection is Completed the rifles will be returned over to that Office.

In addition to the duty I have above imposed on you, I request that you will procure 1625 pounds of Dupont's or Gaueche's rifle powder, ~~of a quality suitable for those arms.~~ good quality. By Capn Treat, the samples of the manufacture of these two gentlemen are equal in quality, be pleased to procure it of the latter. This supposes each to have an agent in Philadelphia. If this be not the case, use your own discretion. After the purchase is made, ~~please to have~~ Maj Mackey will take possession of it; and the bill, to include all incidental costs, of packing &c — on to which Major M— shall be instructed, will be paid ~~by~~ at sight. Have by draft on Philadelphia

G. G.

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May 5. 1835.

Capt. J. P. Taylor
Commissary Sub.
Louisville Ky.

Sir, Yours of the 25th ult. with an abstract of bids for Ploughs, Irons, Wheels and Cards, is just come to hand. You say "the lowest bidder is a Mr Miner who is a strolling mill-wright" and you "greatly fear he is not a responsible man for such a contract." But you do not ask my advice nor say that you have accepted his bid. There can be no doubt, as you advertised that the lowest responsible bidder would get the contract, that you should refuse giving it to Mr Miner, unless he prove himself to be responsible by giving the most undoubted security. Indeed, you should give it to the man, if there is in the opinion of those who know the successful bidder, a doubt of his competency

The Axes, Hoes, iron and Steel, for which you got no bids, will be purchased in Pittsburg, by Lt. Martin Burke of the Advance, and shipped to you.

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May 6. 1835.

Capt. L. Brown
Pr. Disbg agt Creek Indians
Little Rock

Sir,

I acknowledge the reception of the following letters, in addition to others of intervening dates heretofore acted on: Feby 2d. 4 & 9th March 1st. 2d. 12th. 16th & 31st.; April 3d & 12th. The letters of the 2d of February enclosed the Quarterly statements of the cost of Sundries presents; that of the 9th Feby enclosed a Contract for Quapaws; that of March 2d abstracts of Disbursements; that of the 31st March abstracts & bids for Creek contracts; the letters of the 3d April enclosed Account Current and Prov. Returns 2d Qr 1835 for Choctaws, A Statement of Expenditures notincurred in the Removal of Indians, & Disbursing Agents to be employed; Account Current & Provision Return 1st Qr 1835 for the Quapaws, A Property Returns 1st Qr 1835; Account Current and Provision Returns 1st Qr for the Cherokees, and Account Current & Provision Returns 1st Qr for the Creeks. The letter of the 12th April received to day, corrects certain errors in the charges for expenditures transferred to the accounts of the Creeks and Quapaws, which have been noted on the proper accounts.

G. G.

May 4th 1835.

Genl Wm Clark,
Supt. Ind. Affrs.
St. Louis Mo.

Sir, I have yours of the 17th. April with the Contract for furnishing Lead at Fort Leavenworth, for the Potawatamies, in recived. Your suggestion as to the mode of paying for it will be pursued: As soon as Mr Dorion recalls to hand the money shall be remitted to Mr Choteau. I think it would be better for him to pay for the advertisment — & include the amount in his bill.

G. C.

May 2th 1836

B. F. Currey Esq.
Supt. Cherokee Removal
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 17th April, enclosing a muster Roll of Cherokee emigrants who have removed since the emigration under Lt. Harris; and a copy of a letter in which it was enclosed, a similar Roll to Lt Van Stone.

G. G.

W. B. Lewis Esq

May 1st. 1835.

2d Aud. Treasy Dpt:

Sir,

In pursuance of the request contained in your letter of the 7th Ultimo, I have made out a statement of the additional compensation to officers of the army for services in the Emigration of Indians for the two years ending on the 30th September 1833 and 30th September 1834. You will find it enclosed &c.

J. G.

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Emigration of Indians
Office Comy. Gnl. Subsistence
26 April 1836.

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th ult.o asking instructions relative to the distribution of the Articles in your possession, purchased for the Indiana Potawatamies, is before me.

Those Articles belong to all the Potawatamies concerned in the Treaties concluded in October 1832 at Camp Tippecanoe, to wit: those of the "State of Indiana & Michigan Territory"; those of the "Wabash," and those of the "Prairie & Kankakee". The Potawatamies of the ~~Aboctod~~ Chicago Agency and belonging to the united Nation of Chippewas, Potts &c. are not entitled to any part of those Articles. You will, therefore, ascertain the individuals belonging to the tribes first, ~~herein~~ mentioned, and distribute the Articles to them, in accordance with the following rules ~~contained in my Letter of December~~ 9th ~~1835~~.

To

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To each individual you will issue a Blanket according to size. To the men who were sixteen years of age at the date of the Treaty, Octr. 1832, you will deliver a Rifle, and proper portion of the powder and lead.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt

To
Anthony L. Davis
Asst. Agt. Potawatamies
Fort Leavenworth.

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A. L. Davis
Ass.t Ag.t P.M.
F.t Leavenworth
26.th April 1836

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1 April 1836

Capt. Jno. Page

Lt. Mitchell

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1 April 1836

Captain

Enclosed is the copy for your information of a letter this day addressed to Dr. E. Randall Ag'y.

Capt. R. Page

Fort Mitchell

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Hon Jesse F. Cleveland

Ass Repl. Ws.

April 1 1836

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Hon Jesse F. Cleveland
Ho. Reps U.S.

April 1. 1836.

Sir,

The papers, left by you with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, purporting to sustain a claim of W. St. Underwood for services as Special Agent in the Cherokee Removal, have been handed to me for examination.

There being nothing in these papers sufficiently specific, to enable this office to act upon them, they are herewith returned to you.

If Mr. Underwood will make out his account stating the time of service, nature of the duties & by whom called into service, and obtain the Certificate of the Superintendent as to the correctness thereof, I shall be enabled to decide upon the claim.

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Extract from Circular
of War Dept to Heads
of Bureaus, of Feb. 1, 1832

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Extract from a Circular of the War Department to the Heads of Bureaus of February 1st 1832

"When letters are referred to you from this Office without any observation, you will transmit an Answer directly to the writer. When they are referred with instructions to report, that report will be made to me. Where no Answer nor report is necessary they will be merely filed, and that course will be indicated by endorsing the words "to be filed" upon them."

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16 March 1836

Sir

I have rec'd the 23 inst & assure you if an interpreter is essentially necessary you can employ one not to exceed the annual compensation of $500 D. I only employ them when by Services cannot be dispensed with.

Yours

G. Gibson

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Hon. W. H. Ashley

April 1836

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War Department
April 8th 1836.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 29th ult, I transmit herewith a letter of Mr Nicholas Longworth to me, in which he informs me that I was not at any time connected with any affair in which that gentleman can be employed. But his name has been placed on the list of papers and his claims shall be duly considered when necessary.

Very

Hon W. H. Ashley
House R.

1206

4 April 1836

Lt. J. W. Harris

Fort Brooke

Florida

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Lt. J. W. Harris
Dist. Agent Seminoles
Fort Brooke Tampa Bay
Florida

Apl. 4 1836

Sir.

In order to multiply the chances of their reaching you I enclose herewith a copy of my communication and its enclosures of the 12th Ultimo.

G. G.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

$ 184 — No.

OFFICE OF Bn' Gen. of Subsistence
Emigration of Indians Apl. 5 1836

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR:

Please to cause the sum of One hundred & eighty four Dollars to be remitted to Geo. Thomas Cashier Bank of the Metropolis, being the Amount of a bill of Sod Gangs for Services as Asst. Agt. Seminole Removal —

payable by draught on the Bank of the Metropolis for which Lt. J.W. Harris Disb'l Agt — is to be held accountable: to be charged as follows, viz.

TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR

Removal & Subsistence of Indians pr Act Apl. 3 March 1835 —

Dollars.	Cents.
184	.

Respectfully,

G. G.

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Geo Thomas Esqr.
Cashier of the Bank
of the Metropolis
Washington City.

April 5. 1836

Sir,

I have this day requested the Secretary of War to cause to be issued in your favor a Requisition for $184. being due to you under a certain Power of Attorney from Joel Yancey Esqr. late Assistant Agent in the Removal & Subs. of the Seminoles.

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This is only an approximation to the required information — should, necessary be required
necessary, the Treasury dept. should furnish
with it — G.G.

1209
6 April 1836
Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury
Sir: I have the honor to
transmit herewith
a letter from Genl. Cass
dated the 13th inst.
I am Sir
Your obt. Servt.
Lewis Cass

1209

6 April 1836

Hon.ble Lewis Cass
Secy. of War.

J.H.13

Lewis Cass

This is my authorization to the Commissioners
to
Shall, during my absence
be responsible
for
the Money
deposited
herein

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6 April 1836

Sir

In Compliance with the request of the Honble Mr Bond, referred by you to this office I have the honor to make the following statement of returns transmitted to & by Father an account of Removal & Subsistence of Indians since the duty of Emigration was committed to this office

Remitted in	1830 —	2000
do —	1831	176804-08
do —	1832	448498. 57
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do —	1834 —	149 648. 58
do —	1835 —	219 624. 57
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Of this sum a considerable amount perhaps $100,000 has been returned to the Treasury & about $50,000 remains in the hands of disbursing officers, awaiting an opportunity of [illegible]

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7 April 1836

Jno. W. A. Sanford & Co.
Columbus Geo.

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7 April 1836

Gentlemen

Yours letters of the 28 & 30th ults are received. I am extremely gratified at the favorable prospect of the Spring emigration & I am to express my entire confidence in your exertions to promote emigration

G.L.G.

Sanford & Co
Columbus
Georgia

1211

7th April 1836

Hon J. F. H. Claiborne
Hes Reps U.S.

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7 April

Yours of the 6 Inst. addressed to the Commissioner of Indian affairs has been referred to this office. In your information I enclose a copy of my recommendation to the Sec of War for the allowance of a balance considered due to Lt Byrne which was allowed by the Sec of War. Capt Armstrong has been instructed to pay over $565-25 to Lt Byrne. This mode of payment was adopted by the 2d Auditor because Capt Armstrong had in his hands a balance of the appropriation only applicable to the payment of the arrears performed by Lt B—

To Hon. J. H. Eaton

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War Dept
Apl 14, 1835.

Sir

I answer by letter of the
4 inst I have the honor to inform you
that provision has been made for removing
the Cr Indians by Contract. It is not known
at the Dept that any persons other than those now
employed will be req^d to superintend the
Operations of the Contractors. All that can
now be done on the subject of the applic
you have made in favor of Judge Green
is to place his name upon file & to
determine the matter when it is ascertained
that other Offrs of this descrip will be
necessary

Very Res

Hon R Chapman
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Capt. J. R. Stephenson
Delegate: Creek,
Ft. Gibson
14th April.

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April 14th 1836

Capt. J. R. Stephenson
Dep'y Ag't Creeks
Fort Gibson

Sir

Yours of the 8th ult.
enclosing a muster roll of those Choctaws who
arrived at their new homes west of the Mississippi
between the 24th Feb. and 1st May 1834 is rec'd

G G.

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15th April 1836

Capt. Jas. R. Stephenson
Dist. J. Agt. Choctaws
Jt. Gibson, A. J.

Y. H. 13.

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15 April

Captain

Yours of the 15 Inst is received —
Should any creeks who emigrate themselves
apply to you for commutation of rations
their names descriptions &c — transfer them to the office
leaves the payment for future decision —

G. L.

Capt Stapleton

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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen.l Subs.
April 15th 1836

To.

Dr. J. J. Fulton
Little Rock
Ark. Ter.

Sir,

Yours of the 17th Feby is received. Your accounts for the disbursements in the Removal of Choctaw Indians are in the hands of the 2d Auditor, and they will soon be settled and the result made known to you.

The account which you have given of the disposition of the flat Boats is deemed satisfactory by this office, and the matter so represented to the Auditor.

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15 April 1836

Wm B Lewis Esq
Second Aud.r

Sir Herewith you will receive a letter written on the 17.th Feb last to this office by Dr. I. T Fulton relative to his accounts now in your office for disbursements in the Creek of Choctaw Indians, the amount paid by Dr. F of the purchase of the flat boats mentioned in his accounts, is deemed satisfactory by this office

G G.

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15 April 1831

Gentlemen I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your communication, of the 30 Ult.o
and of the 1st & 3d Inst.
which have been submitted to the Secretary of War
Mr. Lee
on the subject of the letter from Capt Hogan & say that he cannot release from
the Contracts — The Secretary of War is extremely
gratified at the fair prospects of cooperation
this spring — By the instructions I forward
to Capt Hogan a copy of your communication
to afford Capt Hogan an opportunity
of conveying you that he is not opposed
by successful removal of the rocks
under your Contract — The Secretary regrets to see these continued
manifestations of a want of confidence between
the Contractors Capt Hogan & the public
service is injured by its withdrawal from
advantage to any one. I am instructed to
request both yourselves & Capt Hogan to
go on & discharge your respective duties
& disregard all private feelings.

Yr

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The Jew of ever further instructs me to say that
Col Hogan's account communicating despatches
& other operations evinces a cordial desire
of promoting the objects of the Government
that Col Hogan has faithfully fulfilled
his promises is apparent from yr letter
of the 28 March — the fact is the
more satisfactory as the subject is consequence
of the very prudent, prospective security
made by Col Hogan to allow safe
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them & the Indians Town & of his promise
to co operate with them in order to induce
the Indians to remove ~~what~~ from

Sanford & C.
Columbus Ga

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Dec 15 1836
Maj Gen Tho. A. Jesup U.S.
Columbus Georgia
E. H. 113.

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the Indians to remove which from

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15 April 1836
Maj Gen Th. A. Jesup U.S.
Columbus, Georgia
L. H. 113.

Stanford N.C.
Columbus Ga

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Enclosed you will find a statement of Col. B's account which shews the form in which I wish it to be rendered in duplicates with his receipt for the am't

G. G.

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16 April 1836

Capt Hoods Burns

Pr Dick Cap

Little Rock A.T.

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16 April 1836

Capt Jacob Brown
Pr Dist agt
Little Rock A.T.

Enclosed you will find a statement of Lieut. B's account which the Sec. of War has directed to be settled. I wish to be informed whether the Indians to whom the articles charged were furnished, are entitled to Rations.

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Emigration of Indians
Offi. Com. Gen.l Subs
April 16th. 1836.

To
Capt. J. Brown
Prin. Disb.g Agt.
Little Rock A.T.

Sir,

On the 26th of Feb. last. Wm. Armstrong Esqr. was instructed to pay over to you or to some other disbursing Emigration officer $1159.50 being the proceeds of the sale of Choctaw Cattle.

Should you have received the money, you will inform Col. J. W. Byrne of Columbus Miss: that you are authorized to pay him $565.25/100 for services in appraising & selling the Cattle. And this sum you will accordingly pay him but only in the event of his not having been previously paid by Wm. Armstrong Esq who has heretofore been instructed to pay him. This two-fold course is adopted in order to secure to Col B a speedy payment of his claim

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16 April 1836

Capt. John Page

Fort Mitchell

Alabama

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Emigration of Indians
Office Comy. Genl. of Subs:
Washington, 16 April, 1836

To
Captain John Page
Supt. & Disbg. Agt Creeks.
Fort Mitchell.

Sir,

The Contractors for the removal of the Creek Indians write, under date of the 1st. instant, as follows:

"The plan adopted was, that there should be five parties prepared, to start at short intervals from each other, each party to consist of not less than 1000 or more than 1300."

The Contract requires that an Agent of the Government should accompany each party; therefore, should the proposed plan be carried into execution, more Agents than are now engaged will be required. I will thank you to give me your views as to the number &c of the persons whom you may think it desirable should be appointed

Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gibson C.G.S.

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April 18th 1836

Sir/

I am instructed by the Secretary of War to transmit to you a copy of a communication dated 31st March addressed to this office by Mess.rs Stanford & Co deferred by me to him. He also instructs me to say that he is satisfied that there has been a misapprehension with respect to your views. The copy of the letter is forwarded merely to afford you an opportunity of putting the matter in its proper light: and the Secretary is the more satisfied on the subject in consequence of the very judicious proposition recently made by Col. Hogan to allow Gen.l Page and some of the Contractors to accompany him to the Indian towns, and of your promise to cooperate with the Contractor in order to induce the Indians to remove, which promise it appears by the Contractors letter of the 28th Ult.o (a copy of which is enclosed) must have been faithfully complied with. You are requested to go on and discharge your duties and disregard all private feelings —

Hogan
Agt Invit.g Sales Creek Lands
Ft Mitchell, Ala

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Hon Lewis Cass.
Secretary of War.

April 18. 1836

Sir,

In answer to the Resolution of the House of the Representatives of the ~~first~~ instant, referred to this Office on the ~~5th~~ 14th I have the honor to submit the following Statement.

The whole amount expended in the Removal & Subsistence of the Choctaws, as shown by the various abstracts of Disbursements of the several Agents, who were employed in that duty is - - - - 868. 634. 52

From which deduct the amount expended for the transportation of Treaty Articles to embraced in the above, and which cannot be considered as forming any part of the expenses of Removal & Subsistence } 11. 087.01

Also deduct the amount of Sales of property, which had been effected in the emigration - and supplies furnished } 10. 723.34 21. 810.35

showing a nett expenditure of - - - - - $847. 124.17

in Removing & Subsisting 14. 203 Choctaws from the east to the west of the Mississippi, and for their subsistence one year after their arrival on their Lands West.

(* from the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek)

There is now a balance in the Treasury of $26. 800. of an Appropriation made in 1835 for the years subsistence of Choctaws who arrived west in the Winter and Spring of 1834 and for the payment of claims arising out of the emigration & subsistence, which it is presumed will all be required for those purposes.

The numbers of Choctaws remaining on the east side of the Mississippi have been variously estimated at from 2500 to 3500; and the following is an estimate of the probable expense of removing and subsisting them west of the Mississippi -

Choctaw

Estimated Cost of Removing 3.500 Indians from the east to the west side of the Mississippi embracing their subsistence transportation and contingencies at $25 per Head - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 87.500.

Cost of their subsistence for one year after their arrival West $20 per Head 70. 000

Whole Estimated Cost of Rem. & Subs. - - - - $ 157.500

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† Since the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek
interlined in the Off. dec. of Wards

Respectfully
Your
Obt. Servt.
G. G.

Hon Lewis Cass
18 April 1836

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Hon Levi Woodbury
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City

Hon Levi Woodbury
18 April 1836

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

$416 66/100 — No.

Emigration of Indians

OFFICE OF Comr Gen. of Subsistence,

April 19th. 1836

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR:

Please to cause the sum of Four hundred and sixteen 66/100 _____ Dollars to be remitted to George Thomas Cas. Bank of the Metropolis to pay a bill by Abel C. Pepper, dated 15th. March last in favor of Hanna J Carter, for that amount, which bill is hereto annexed. _____

~~payable by draught on~~ and for which said A.C. Pepper _____ is to be held accountable: to be charged as follows, viz.

TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR

	Dollars.	Cents.
Removal and Subsistence of Indians	416.	66

Respectfully.

Genl. Scott

GG.

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19 April 1836

Capt. John Page

Supt. & Disb. Agt. Choctaws

Ft. Mitchell, Ala.

L. H.B.

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19 April 1836

Captain

Yours of the 9th instant received & carefully examined & the several papers therein referred to for the information I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication & to say the employment of Mr Commerville, under the circumstances stated is approved, the pay however will cease & soon as his services are no longer required

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C. A. Rey

A. J. Rey

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War Dept
Sept 20: 1836

Sir,

I transmit a map of the County Seat of Dubois, furnishing the informations called for by a Res[n] of the H of R. respecting the emigrated Choctaw Indians

very [illegible]

(See letter to the War of 18th instant from the C. G. I)

Hon James K Polk
Speaker H R

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20 Apl 1836

Capt John Page
Supt & Disb Agt Creeks
Fort Mitchell
Alabama

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20 April

Captain

~~[illegible]~~

I am pleased to be the medium
Making known
~~of [illegible]~~ to you the entire approbation
of the Sec of War of your zealous efforts to
effect the removal of the Creeks, I am
further instructed to say that the views you
take of the propriety of investigating only
those cases in which there is probable ground
for suspecting to be fraudulent, is in
conformity with the views of the War Dept.
And the instructions which have been
given

G.G

Capt Page

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24 April

Sir

The Hon.ble Mr Galbraith's letter to you of the 15th inst. in relation to Dr Miller is received at this Office, & have deemed it proper to make the required report over my own signature for my own responsibility as the facts in the case were communicated to me, in an unofficial letter —

When Dr Miller presented the Account which is the subject of the present report, it embraced various items amounting to between 5 & 600$ - He was told that nothing more could be paid him than 4$ per diem while employed thro' mileage home, & all then presented in the present form amounting to $. 304 and in reply to the enquiry, why he had not presented the account for payment to Capt Rufel, who from his association in service with Col. Owen necessarily knew whether it was correct, he said he had presented the account for payment to Capt Rufel who referred him for payment to this office, because the account wanted the signature of Col. Owen which could not now a

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be obtained, and the Regulations did not
authorise its payment without the Proper Certificate
Dr Miller stated he could adduce proof that he
was employed for the time charged & he accordingly
procured the affidavit of one of the Statioraries
delegation, as annexed to the copy of his account enclosed
The Chief of the office was then induced to
recommend its allowance, & you approved the
recommendation & the account was paid —

On the first presentation of this account

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

$10,000. — No 11.

OFFICE OF Emigration of Indians
Comy Gen of Subsistence.
April 24 1836

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR:

Please to cause the sum of ten thousand

— — — Dollars to be remitted to

the cashier of the Branch of the State Bank of Alabama at Mobile, to be placed at the credit of Capt John Page U.S. Emigrating disbursing agent for the creeks

payable by draught on

for which said Captain Page — — — is to be held accountable: to be charged as follows, viz.

TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR

	Dollars.	Cents.
Removal of Subsistence of Indians	10.000	
	10.000	

Respectfully.

Your Obt St
G. G.

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22 April

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for yr information the copy of a letter this day received from Capt Page, Deeming the temporary services of Mr Somerville necessary I had previously ~~determined his employment~~

12413
22 April 1536
Hon Lewis Cass
Secretary of War
14413

Majr Sanford H. under date of 1 April reports as follows "The plan adopted was that there should be four parties prepared to start at short intervals from each other each party to consist of not less than 1000 or more than 1500. Capt Walker expresses the opinion that the whole nation will emigrate this year" The Contract with Majr Sanford H. requires that a Mil agent ~~Interpreter~~ agent & a Surgeon shall accompany each emigrating party & should the number of parties ~~contemplated~~ by the Contractor go this season, the

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22 April

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your information the copy of a letter this day received from Capt Page, deeming the temporary services of Mr Sommerville necessary I had previously ~~authorized his employment~~

12413
22 April 1836
Wm Lewis & al
Secretary of War
1413

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it is apprehended the requisite number of Med officers & Surgeons could not be spared from the Army. I therefore respectfully recommend the ~~employment~~ employment of competent Citizen Private Physicians ~~employed~~, & the Agent ~~of Physicians~~ to receive ~~4 $~~ per diem & other actual expenses while going ~~& returning~~ to the Seat of ~~Govt~~ & on returning to their residence per diem when discharged the Service allowing them ~~& travel~~ 20 miles per day — As it is apprehended however that Competent Physicians cannot be obtained at the rate of Pay for Employees Generally, I would recommend that the Superintendent be allowed to procure the services of Physicians on the best terms he can & without restricting him to the rate of Pay

Chas Conrad

Hon Secy of War

Gen Levy Cass

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You will please transmit to this office such statement as soon as you receive this, and a similar one at the end of every quarter.

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt

1244
23 April 1836
Wm. Armstrong Esqr
Choctaw Agency Mo.

Copies sent to Capt Mc Clintock
& Lt Van Horne with the
Quantity Returned.
L. H. T.

1244

23 April 1836

Wm. Armstrong Esqr
Choctaw agency Mo.

Copies sent to Capt Stephenson & Lt Van Horne with the Quarterly Statement.

L. H. B.

Sir will please transmit to this office the Quarterly Statement of your agency, accounts &c, and a similar one at the end of every Quarter.

Respectfully Your Obt Servt

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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Genl. Subs.
April 23d. 1836

To

Wm. Armstrong Esqr.
Actg Supt. Western Terr.
Choctaw Agency

Sir,

It is desirable that this office should know precisely the quantity and condition (especially of the Rifles) of the articles in your possession, and purchased under treaty stipulations for Indian Emigrants.

Herewith you will receive forms of Quarterly Statement of such articles. As soon as you receive them, you will enter upon one of them all the articles you have on hand, according to the invoices. The articles distributed to the Indians you will place upon an abstract, and the issue being credited on the Quarterly Statement, and deducted from the whole amount received, will show what you are to be held accountable for.

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23 April 1836

Hon. Lewis Cass

Secretary of War

A.H.13

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Emigration of Indians
Office of the Comy Genl of Sub.
23 April 1836

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying Estimate for the removal and subsistence of the Emigrating Creek, Cherokee, Seminole and Chickasaw Indns for the year 1836

In a communication to this Office under date of 28th ultimo, the Contractors for the removal of the Creek Indians, express the opinion that at least 8000 Creeks will emigrate this Spring and Summer; and add, "We should not be surprised if the whole nation were to emigrate this year." — A letter is this day received from the Contractors for removing Creek Indians, dated 12th instant, of which the following is an extract — "We still express the opinion that a large portion of the Indians will emigrate this Summer." — I have every reason to believe there will be an extensive emigration of Creek Indians this year, and have estimated the number at 12,000.

I am without sufficient data to make any thing like an accurate estimate of the probable number of Cherokees who may emigrate this year, but assuming that

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~~1200 may possibly exceed the estimate for that number.~~ — The Estimate submitted for the removal and Subsistence of the Seminoles is entirely conjectural, but it is not doubted that they can only be removed at great cost to the Government.

Two small parties of Kuapaws Indians have recently joined the party heretofore removed to their new homes provided by treaty of 13th May 1833. I have deemed it proper to submit an Estimate for subsisting the balance.

The difference of the cost of the Subsistance between the Creeks and ~~Cherokees~~ Seminoles arises from the fact that there is an existing Contract for Subsisting all the Creeks who may emigrate, at five cents four mills per ration. It is apprehended however from the recent rise in the price of provisions, that Subsequent Contracts may be rather more.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Mo: Obt Servt

The
Honble Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

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April 23.d 1836

Hon. J. L. Glenn
House Rep.s

Sir.

I am requested by the Secretary of War to send to you the enclosed letter for Gov. St Clair Governor of Mich.y

G. G.

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April 23d 1836

Sir.

In your letter of the 19th inst. to the Secy of War and which has been referred to this office you say that, "in pursuance of a verbal order and contract with Major Armstrong I caused to be finished one thousand Rifles for the Government of the U S." Now it does not appear that May A was at any time authorized to give such an order or make such a contract. And at present the Dep. does not require any more Rifles for Emigrant Indians than it already has. But as you complain that you are likely to suffer from the Rifles' not having been received by the Agt. of the Government, I am instructed by the Secy of War to inform you that as soon as any more Rifles shall be needed for Emigrant Indians five hundred shall be taken of you, provided they shall be found to be of equal quality with those heretofore purchased of you by the Dep.

H. Deringer Esqr.
Philadelphia
Pa.

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25 April 1836

Hon Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit herewith ~~Such~~ an account of John Fields as Interpreter to William Hardin Enrolling Agent for Cherokees. Mr. Fields has been employed repeatedly in the capacity of Interpreter to the enrolling Agents in the Cherokee emigration as appears by the accounts of the Disbursing Agents. — The Interpr ~~was~~ usually served about the same length of time that ~~the~~ enrolling Agents did — I perceive on reference to the accounts that Mr. Hardin was paid for forty four days services, — Commencing 1st Feby. thro Ho March 1834. ~~and that there is no~~ corresponding charge, from time to time for an Interpreter. The objection to Mr Fields's account, is that the ~~Certificate of the enrolling Agent to the correctness of the Acct is not dated~~ account does not state the time of Mr Fields employment. —

G. G.

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W. C. Easton Esq.
Mobile Alabama.

April 26. 1836

Sir,

The accompanying Acct. Current shews the ~~state~~ of your indebtedness to the United ~~States~~ on ~~the 31st day of Dec.~~ Acct. of the Emigration ~~last~~ of Indians on the 31st day of December last.

The vouchers alluded to in your communication of the 22d. February last, have not yet been received at this Office — be pleased to to forward them with a final account, after depositing the balance in your hands to the credit of the Treasurer of the United ~~States~~.

G. G.

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26 apul

Sir

I have the honor to submit for yr decision
the claim
of two Choctaw Indians for two
horses lost in the fall of 1831, while
in the employment of Government.

Their case will appear
to be substantiated

Secretary

1252

26th Apl 1836

Hon: R. M. Johnson

Ho. Repr.

U. S.

Copd.

J. O

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26 April

Colonel

I herewith return you Major
to you
Wm M Davis letter of the 10 Febry.
The Secretary of War has decided that
four dollars a day was intended by him
to include every thing, and consequently
Major Davis cannot receive the
additional sum he claims for expenses

R M Johnson

1233

26 April 36

Capt. John Page

Supt of Dis[illegible] Lights &c

Fort Mitchell

Ala.

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26 April

Captain

Yours of the 11th Inst. was received on the 22d
on that day
agreeably to your suggestion I have requested that
10,000$ be deposited to your credit in the
Branch of the State Bank of Alabama, Mobile,
Blank forms have been forwarded, & there
delay has taken place in furnishing you with the
required Bonds to Rally; They will be sent to day.

I shall write you more at length in a few
days when possessed of the views of the Sec.
of War. in some points connected with
the Creek emigration.

Copy Page

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War Dep
Apr 26 1836

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that an Approp will be asked of Cong for the purpose of purchasing 175 rifles for the Potawata Mid. Inds. It is not known that any more rifles than what are now on hand are at present wanted for any of the Ind. tribes but they can be procured however the necessary funds provided the purchase with be made of Mr Deringer agreeably to the terms stated in a letter from this dept to Mr Deringer of 23d instant.

I am Sir
Very Resp

Hon Wm L. Hames
" E. A. Hannegan
Senate

P. S. In writing the above I have received Mr. Hamilton's letter this morning. I have a very favorable opinion of Mr Deringer's Rifles, but all I can say at present is that where Rifles are wanted for the public service, they will be purchased of other Manufacturers give due consideration to the propositions of Mr D. for the sale of those manufactured by him.

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27 April 1836

Wm Armstrong Esqr

Actg Supt West. Terry

Choctaw Agency W

L H B.

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27 April

Sir

I have your communication of the 26 Inst in relation to procuring the Balance of the Vessels Stores for the Chester Indians, as directed. The arrangements entirely approved of.

I am Sir
Your Most Obt Servt

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27 April 1836

Wm. B. Lewis Esqr

2d com'd Auditor

B.H.W.
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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen Subs.
April 27. 1836

William B. Lewis Esq.
Second Auditor.

Sir.

I transmit herewith two abstracts of issues, to the Choctaws, of Looms Wheels and Cards, according to Treaty stipulations, by Major J.W. Armstrong and William Armstrong Esq. ~~Also a copy of the bid of Mr. Baker, the contractor for furnishing the Looms.~~

Respectfully
Your
Obedient Servant

G.G.

Ref

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1 April 1836

Dr. B. Randall

Ft Mitchell

Ala

L. H. B.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Sir

1 April 1836

The Sec of War directs that You accompany the [redacted] You accompany the next party of emigrating Creek Indians as Physician. As Capt Page will give you the necessary instructions

G.G.

Dr B. Randall
Army
Fort Mitchell

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31 March 1836

Ed. Deas

Lieut. ~~W. M.~~ Bateman

Ft. Mitchell Ala.

Contains Enclosed

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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. of Subs
March 31. 1836

Lt Edward Deas
~~Lieut Mc W. Bateman~~
Disbursing Agent ~~Chunkeys Creek~~
~~Calhoun~~ Tennessee Ft Mitchell Ala

Sir,

It is perceived that the Clerk who put up the Blank bills ~~that~~ to be sent to the Agents has ~~mad~~ committed an error, by putting bills that are exclusively appropriate to the pay Agent of this Office, in some of the packages. Should this have occurred in the packages sent to you, you will return those that are not applicable to your duties, and proper bills will be supplied.

One copy addressed to Lt. Ed. Deas
(care of Capt Page) Ft. Mitchell Ala.

Care of Capt. Jno Page

Mar. 11th/29th 1836

Capt. J. Brown

Dr. Dibdg. Apl. &c.

Opd.
J.O

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4 March 1836

Captain Your of the 8 & 10 Regts are
received. Please pay the enclosed Accts
~~of the officers of the Corps of~~
~~Artillery with which you have nothing to do~~
~~and~~ accept my thanks for your promptitude
& correctness with which you discharge the
duties of your office

G. G.

Capt

1196
Lewis Cass
March 29. 1836.

WB.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

$ _____ _____ No. _____

OFFICE OF Conr Gen. of Subsistence
Emigration of Indians, Mercd 29. 1836

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR:

Please to cause the sum of One thousand five hundred
Dollars to be ~~remitted~~ advanced to
Capt Thomas Hunt U.S.A. Agent for paying Salaries
& Contingencies in this Office

payable by draught on Bk. of the Metropolis
for which Capt. Hunt is to be held
accountable: to be charged as follows, viz.

TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR

	Dollars.	Cents.
Removal & Subs. of Indians	1500	—
fr. Act of 3d. March 1835		
	1500	

Respectfully.

G. G.

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Capt. Jacob. Brown
Pr. Digby, Agent
March 29. 1836

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Capt Jacob Brown
Pr. Dicky Agent
Little Rock

March 29. 1836

Sir,

I have rec'd your letter of the 9th instant enclosing a bill of Mr John Rogers for freight &c on sundry goods for the Choctaws. You will refer the bill & papers to William Armstrong Esqr. who has all the Books and papers of the Agency, ~~lately vested by~~ and who of course is better able to test the correctness thereof - upon his report thereon you will reject or pay the claim according as he reports in favor or against.

G. G.

Should Capt Armstrong not be able to furnish you the requisite information you are hereby authorised to pay the bill of freight if you are satisfied of its correctness —

G. G.

I return the papers of Mr. Rogers

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Col. J. B. Hogan

Mar. 28. 1836

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War Dept
March 28. 1835.

Sir, I have just recd yr letter of the 8 inst.

It does not seem necessary to advert to many of the topics suggested by you any further than to repeat the desire before expressed, that as far as practicable any frauds committed in the purchase of Indn lands should be detected and corrected.

My object in writing to you is to say that I cordially approve of yr suggestion, concerning Capt Page & shall write to him in conformity therewith. Whatever feeling may have existed individually between yourself and the transporting Company I am glad to perceive that you are determined to cooperate with them in their Efforts to remove the Indians. As it has been decided that the experiment shall be made in this way, it is due to the public interest wh is committed to you that you should promote as far as possible the success of the efforts

Two points I must press upon you

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undivided attention, &c

~~First~~ 1st That you pursue the alleged fraud & against the investigation into the Indians ~~frauds~~ & that you complete the whole matter with the greatest despatch.

And 2d That you promote the removal of the Inds by all proper means in yr power. and 2 do not doubt yr zealous exertions to forward these objects.

The subject of the ~~Creek~~ annuity shall be determined as soon as the appropriation is made. at present nor arrangements respecting it can be made.

Very &c

Col J B Logan
Columbus
Georgia

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28th March 1836

Jno. M. A. Sanford & Co
Columbus, Geo.a

4 H.B.

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Emigration &c. office
Mar. 28. 1836

Gentlemen,

I have recd. yr. letter of the inst. & am gratified to learn that there is a prospect of the immediate removal of a considerable portion of the Indians.

The Sec. of War has recd. a letter from Col. Morgan, in which that gentleman has stated his disposition zealously to co-operate with you in yr. efforts to remove the Indians. He has suggested the expediency of Capt. Paige's accompanying him in his tour thro' the Indian towns in order to explain the views of the Govt., to impress on the Indians the necessity of a speedy removal, & to destroy any prejudices which may have existed against this mode of removal. He has also recommended that one of the Contractors should accompany them, to make any necessary explanations to the Indians, & by personal conversation with the influential men, to endeavor to remove the erroneous im-

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= pressions under which they may have labored.
The Sec. of War has approved the suggestion
of Col. Hogan, & has directed Capt. Paige to
accompany him. He has also instructed me
to recommend that one of yr Company
should join Col. Hogan & Capt. Paige, for the
reasons before stated.

I think the measure may pro=
=duce very happy effects, & it seems to me
that nothing now is wanting to insure succ=
=ess but zealous cooperation on the part
of the agents of the U. S. & the Company.
Allow me therefore to recommend that all
other considerations be laid aside, & that you
meet Col. Hogan in the spirit of this propo=
=sition, & endeavor in conjunction with him
& Capt. Paige to forward the objects intrusted
to you.

very E

Mr. W. A. Sanford
Columbus Geo

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Augustus Moore

Cash.r of Franklin Bank

of Cincinnati

March 28. 1836

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Augustus Moore Esqr.
Cashier Franklin Bank of Cincinnati
Cincinnati Ohio.

March 28. 1836

Sir,

Yours, of the 21st instant enclosing a duplicate Certificate of Deposite of ($13.500) thirteen thousand five hundred dollars by Lieut J. P. Simonton to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, is hereby acknowledged to have been received.

Respectfully
Your Obedient
Servants
G. G.

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Mar: 25. 1836

Capt. Wm. Gordon

St Louis Mo.

Cpy. J.C.

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25 Aug

Sir

I enclose for your information the Copy of a Communication made from the Office of the Sec of War on the 17th inst in relation to Charges preferred by you against Capt B. F. Russel — a Copy of Capt Russel's reply, also a Copy of a Statement of Persons ~~against~~ both employed by him, & Copies of the only bills of suspension connected with the settling of Public Horses from Detroit & Chicago, which appear in Capt Russel's accounts.

I am instructed by the Sec of War to inform you "that all the Charges except that relating to the grog bills are refuted by official documents on file. If you have any proof to offer in regard to that charge it will be received and an investigation ordered"

Capt Wm Gordon
St Louis Mo.

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25 March

Captain

I do enclose for your information the
Copy of a ~~letter~~ report made to the
Governor on the 17th inst. in relation to
allegations preferred against you by Capt
Wm Gordon. & a copy of a letter of this date
to Capt Gordon making known to him
the decision of the Governor

Capt W J. Russell
Ry Cavalry
Ft Monterey
Chicago

1185

25th Mar. 1836

Capt. Wm Gordon

St. Louis

Mo.

Exd

J. O

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

25 March

Sir

Enclosed is the Copy of a communication addressed to you on the 19th Jany. - to which your attention is called and it is necessary the accounts should be rendered & settled -

Capt Wm Jordan
(Victory)

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25 March 1836

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. together with your Journal of the day preceding — I give you warm thanks for the kind expressions with which your services to the Cherokee Emigration have been rendered.

I am Sir
Your ob. Servt
Thos. L. McKenney

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23 March 1836

John N. A. Sanford
Columbus, Geo:

2 H. 13.

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Ballard

Gentlemen

I have yesterday received —
when I appointed you of the charge of agts I
thought it was permanent. I see however
by yours &c that he was misunderstood & only
intended it as a pro Col Hagans appointment pending
the investigation of frauds. — You will report
Captain Page as the principal emigrating agent
at present, & you will be duly instructed when
Col Hagan is instructed to resume the duties of his
appointment — Say all my instructions to
emigrating Creek agents & urge the strong
anxiety I really feel that they should most
cheerfully cooperate with you in your efforts
to remove the Indians
Sanford & Co

Mar: 23rd 1836.

Capt. L. Brown

Co. Dist. Gt. &c.

Little Rock A.T.

Copd

L. O.

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D Bellamy

Capt Tom.

Your letters of 27 ult & 1st inst with
Your abstracts of disbursements, are received.
I am gratified to learn that the Troops assembled for
the removal of the Seminoles are discharged.

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Benj. F. Curry
23. Mch 1836

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Mch 23. 1836

Benj^m F. Curry Esqr:
Supt. Cherokee Removal
Calhoun Tennessee.

Sir,

Herewith are blank statements) of articles due the Indians, &c, on which you will please to enter all the articles you have on hand that are intended) for delivery to the Indians. taking care to fill up the Blanks in the headings.

The first statement will embrace the Articles turned over to you by Mr. Montgomery ~~the~~ former Agent, with all others received by you since that time, and will be made up to the end of the present quarter.

Your early attention to this matter is requested; and hereafter you will render the statements quarterly so long as you have any of the items on hand.

G. G.

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ject to the consideration of the legislature.

Very [illegible]

Hon. P. C. Cambreling
&c. &c. &c.

P. S. The principal of the draft, damages upon which are now claimed, has been remitted to Mr Jackson.

Hon. C. C. Cambreling
Nov. 23. 1836

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Respectfully

Hon. P. C. Cambreling
&c. &c. &c.

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Hon. C. C. Cambreling
Nov. 23. 1836

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War Dept
March 23d 1836

Sir.

In answer to yr note of the 15th inst. I have the honor to inclose a report from the Com. Gen. of Sub. respecting the claim of Mr. Jackson

It appears that the contract for the supply of provisions &c. on the payment of which a draft was drawn by Lieut. Harris, has been faithfully complied with. Owing to accidental circumstances, which are explained by the Com. Gen. of Sub. the necessary funds were not in bank to meet the payment of this draft. It was therefore protested, & Mr. Jackson now asks damages & interest upon the protest.

I have inquired into the practice of the department upon this subject, & find ~~that~~ it is not usual to allow any claim for damages under such circumstances. The matter has been left for the action of Congress, upon the application of the parties. I am unwilling to authorise any new course. & Mr. Jackson will therefore be under the necessity of presenting his

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War Department
March 21. 36.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 2nd inst enclosing a letter of Lieut Lillybridge. That gentleman was ordered to place on the list of appointments for employment in the Steamboats, and when it shall become necessary to make appointments under the Creek Treaty his claims shall be fully considered

Very Respy

Hon Mason Maloney
Ky

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21 Albany

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr John M Vance's letter of yesterday dated Dannville Illinois 3 Inst, asking an allowance for his services in removing a party of Potawatamy. The enclosed communication herewith made in relation to this claim will serve to you that no evidence has been adduced by Mr Vance which will justify any payment on his claim for personal services —

Mr Vances letter is herewith returned

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt

1176.
21st Mar: 36

Lt. Mc. W. Bethune

Calhoun

Tenn:

Cpd
J.O

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G. J. O.

21 March

Sir

The accompanying Pe of Mayor & Aldermen for services from 9 June to 4 Augt 1835. 57 days at 4$ per day amounting to 228$ by R. Miller allowed by the Jus of Peace. - Please pay the Account & forward the Copy of the Jus of Peace's decision with your Rec

Yr Obt Servt

L. Bateman

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21 March 1836

Majr. Wm. M. Davis

Calhoun, Tenn.

J.H.B.

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Washington

Sir

I Batman has been instructed to pay you 228$. for yr services from 4 June to 4 Augt 1835.

Majr Wm Wm Eaves

Calhoun Tennessee

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21. Mar 9 36

St. Louis Cafs.

Secy. War

Copd
J.O

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Sir Cop.d J.O. 21.th Mar. 936

Your decision on the claim of Major Wm
Thos for services as marking Cherokee yet
Amty $ 228 D. is acknd. A Lt Bateman
the Disbursing officer of the Cherokees has been
instructed to pay the amount.

Lewis Cass

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Mark

Colonel I have much pleasure in apprising you that the Secretary has allowed the claim of Boyce Wm Davis for 57 days services from 9 June to 4 Augt 1835 @ 4$ per diem amounting to $228. which amount I have directed Dr Bateman, disbursing officer at the Cherokee Agency to pay Boyce Davis & have approved the letter & accounts accordingly.

Yr Mo Obt Servt

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March 19th.

J. W. Vance

Danville Ill:

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19th March

Mr. J. W. Vance
Danville Ill.

Sir,

Your letter of the 3d inst. to the Secretary of War, has been referred to this Office as to the claim you prefer, it having been heretofore examined into and the result communicated to you, and reference to the Gen. Mr. Robinson, on the 7th Jany, and not being apprised of any reason why a different decision should now be made, I deem sufficient to enclose to you copies of my letters of the 7th Jany to yourself and Gen. Robinson. Lest it may be that you have not rec'd my reply to yours of the 19th Feb.

G. G.

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Mar: 19th 1836.

Messrs Wm. A. Sanford & Co.

Contractors &c.

Columbus

Geo.a

Copd J.O

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19 March

Gentlemen I the original of the enclosed was
yesterday referred to this office by the Secretary
I send it for your information

Sanford & Co

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18 March 1836

Honble Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

L H B.

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18 March

Sir

I have carefully examined the Claim of Wm M Davis Esq. late enrolling & disbursing agent of Savannah. I agree with Major Cairy & Col Bateman & to its justness respectfully recommend that it be allowed

L. L.

Lewis Cass

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

18th March

Sir.—

Your letter of the 2d Inst. through Mr Bozeman, is received.— The subject of it, respectfully to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and to whom the letter has been referred.—

I am respectfully
Your mo. ob. Sevt

Genl Wm Clark
Supt Ind Affrs.
St Louis

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17 March

Captain

Your communication of the 24. ult
~~to~~ was delivered to Capt Wm Armstrong
of the Rangers of the Rock Rifle & blankets in
your possession & must be distributed, retained &
taken proper distribution, I certainly approve of
your having sent an express to discharge the Teams engaged
for the ~~transporting~~ Removals Indians, You did right in
ordering the Removals goods to Little Rock, Enclosed
are copies of two Communications the receipt of which are
not acknowledged in yr letter of the 24th Ult altho your
thereon ~~acknowledged~~ date the reception of some of
a subsequent date

Yr Obt Servt

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17 March

Sir

As a measure of precaution I send
you a copy of a communication addressed to
me 12th March last by Genl. Brooke by the
Secretary of War.

I am Sir
Your Obt. Servt

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17 March

Sir

Captain Jacob Brown has in his
possession 280 Rifles & 142 Blankets
originally intended for the Creek Indians, &
purchased at Mobile 8 years ago. I have
requested Capt Brown to inform you of the
precise number quality &c. and to receive
your instructions by the first proper conveyance

Capt Wm Armstrong

Choctaw Agency Mayhew

Wash D C

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17 March

Sir

I have the honor herewith to return Mr Charles A Jackson's letter of the 13th Inst addressed to the Hon.ble Mr Crawford and respectfully submit the following remarks; Mr Wm Bayley Pratt of New York was the Contractor for furnishing transports & provisions for the emigrating Seminole Indians, Mr Jackson was the Surety for the faithful performance of the Contract & subsequently was authorized by power of attorney to ~~[illegible]~~ becoming due under Mr Pratts Contract, The Contractor promptly & honorably fulfilled his Contract in every particular & it is believed at a less to the government than furnished, Lieut Harris gave a draft in favor of Mr Jackson on the Manhattan Bank for $ 5000 which was protested for non acceptance & protest forwarded to this office, and some delay occurred in Mr Jackson's receiving his money [Mr

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Sec. Harris' last Ofr submitted a balance of
expenses of £40,000 & on his possession for removal
subsistence of Removable Indians, & with 10 days
of forwarded an estimate subsidy £40,000 on hand
& requiring £1,000 additional. this estimate was prepared
on the removal of 3800 Indians - £1,000 of this last
sum he requested might be deposited to his credit in New
York, & the entire suspension of the Removals thereafter
became known soon after the reception of Sec. Harris' estimate
& [redacted] money was
[redacted]
was known that Sec. Harris required money in New York to
meet the payments for transports, but it was inferred that a
large portion of the £40,000 in Sec. Harris' possession was
deposited in New York & hence it was not deemed necessary
to make a deposit there, the explanation is due
clerk
to Sec. Harris & myself -

Sec Calhoun

1836
May 17. 1836
Hon
Lewis Cass
Secy. War
{ Ex
No 10

Commanded an estimate of the probable expenses of Florida for the ensuing year, amounting to $40,000 in addition to the sum of $36,000 appropriated for that purpose at the present session of Congress. That the Secretary of War be requested to cause the sum of $40,000 to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in the Bank of New York, subject to the draft of the Secretary of War, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Florida War, for the year 1836.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to cause the sum of $40,000 to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in the Bank of New York, subject to the draft of the Secretary of War, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Florida War, for the year 1836.

Mr. Clay, of Alabama, said that he had risen for the purpose of making a few remarks in relation to the resolution which he had offered to the Senate. He was aware that the Secretary of War had requested money in New York to meet the payments for transportation, but it was understood that a large portion of the $40,000 in the Secretary's possession was deposited in New York. Hence it was not deemed necessary by the Secretary to make a deposit there, and the explanation of the Secretary

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Sir

I have the honor to be

Your

Obt Servt

Returning you the papers forwarded to you by Mr Lorenzo N Clarke in support of a supplemental claim of his, under a Contract made with Capt S. Brown for furnishing emigrating Creek Indians, in the year 1836 from Rock Roe to Fort Smith — Mr Clarke does no doubt sustain some loss in consequence of the Indians not emigrating, but there is no power that I possess to grant relief in the case — The Govt had every reason to believe the Indians would emigrate at the period they entered into proposals & made Contracts & made all the necessary arrangements for their transportation & subsistence on the road

By the earliest Reply of a letter from Capt B. I may apply you will perceive the only practicable relief the Department could extend to these Contracts was promptly rendered by Captain Brown & as promptly approved by the Govt —

Col Abert

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16 March

Sir

Your communication of the 21 July
is received. By the enclosed you will perceive
I gave the early intelligence of Capt Brown of the
Portsmouth failure of the Demerara Emigration. I
deeply regret the unfortunate expenditure
involved in the failure — The factious
character of party statements in the Guiana papers
Please to envelope your future letters. Mr
Last was completely deceived with respect to
rendered almost illegible

Wm Hume

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18th March

Captain

Enclosed is a Communication addressed to Capt Brown by Captain Stephenson, either of whom will pay you $300 agreeably to the decision of the Secretary, on presenting this letter. I have addressed the letter to both those Gentlemen to facilitate the reception of the Amount as much as possible, as I was uncertain to which of them you would find it most convenient to apply for payment.

You will please acknowledge the receipt of this letter directing the Paymasters dated 23d February last. this was the date of the Secretarys decision & my letter was then written but detained in the office at the request of Colonel Gerrier who informed me that you was daily expected here, this morning he informs me that you have returned to Fort Jefferson.

Captain David McClellan
late Asst. Indian agent
Fort Jefferson

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15 March

Sir

Your letter of Yesterday addressed to the Commissioner of Indian affairs asking what amount has been paid by the Government within 5 years ~~by the Gov.~~ on account of the removal of New York Indians, ~~within D.C.~~ has been referred to this office. The New York Indians have been removed through the agency of this office

T. H.

T L Smith Esq
Register Treasury

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War Department
March 12. 1836

My friends,

Yr. letter to yr. great father, the Prest. of the U.S. has been laid before him, & I am directed by him to say to you, that he highly appreciates yr. faithful conduct during the difficulties in which you have been placed. Many of your people have behaved badly, & have brought destruction upon themselves. You have however kept your promises, & have not shed the blood of a white man. This shall long be remembered.

Yr. great father hopes you will speedily remove to the Country provided for you west of the Mississippi & establish yourselves there, where you can live comfortably & provide for your women & children.

As to yr. request on the subject of a trader, I see no difficulty in its being granted. On yr. arrival in the West, you will be under the superintendence of an agent of the Govt., who by law, possesses the power of licensing traders among you. He will no doubt be disposed to yield to yr. wishes, by the selection of yr. friend, Capt Sanders. In like manner he will provide

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for you also a good black. smith.

Lieut Harris will be written to on the subject of the losses you have experienced. Till detailed Information is rec^d from him, I cannot tell you what course will be taken.

Nor can I at present say any thing on the subject of the claims which will be pre-
-sented against you, for the misconduct of some of y^r people. That matter must await such an examination as may be given to it at the proper time.

I again renew the assurances before made to you, that the Country assigned for y^r residence west of the Mississippi will be guaranteed to you as long as you choose to oc-
=cupy it.

y^r friend

To the Chiefs of the Friendly Seminoles
at Tampa Bay.

Chiefs of the
friendly Seminoles
at Tampa Bay.

Mar: 12. 1836

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New Orleans
27th July 1836

Morgan
Lieut. 1st Inf.

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March 15th 1836

Capt. I K Stephenson
Dist. Asst. &c.

Fort Gibson

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Transmitting bills of Exchange
of the Secretary of War

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15 March

Sir

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant

Ashbel Greyson

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

War Dept Tr
March 12. 1836

Sir,

I inclose a message to the friendly Seminole Chiefs in answer to their talk to the Presd. transmitted in yr. letter ~~of~~ X of the 15th ult.

You will please to deliver it to them & enforce the views presented in it by such consideration as may occur to you. I will also thank you to transmit such a report on the subject of their losses, as will enable the Dept. to judge whether any thing can be done for them under the existing laws. They have suffered greatly, & behaved with unexampled fidelity during the perilous crises. So far as the power of this Dept extends, I am prepared to shew them every reasonable indulgence. I cannot however go beyond the provisions of the laws.

I see no difficulty upon yr. statement on the subject of the provisions issued to them. The other issues that have been made shall be judged of as soon as the proper papers reach here. Yr. general views meet my entire concurrence, & I have only to add that I am exceedingly desirous that these people should

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Lieut. Harris

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Lieut Harris
act'g Inspr in charge
Fort Brooke
Florida

Dec'y

The removal as speedily as possible, & establishment of a County bounded as therein described.

be removed as speedily as possible, & established comfortably in the Country provided for them west of the Mississippi.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Lewis Harris
Act.g Superin.t &c
Fort Brooke
Florida

March 12. 1836

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by the State authorities, and their delivery at some proper point of embarkation to the agents of the General Government.

A State of things may certainly arise, calling for the most decisive measures. Should the Indians actually commence, or clearly meditate hostilities, or should they delay their removal and thus become more depraved in their habits, and so reduced, as there is reason to apprehend they will be, that they must subsist by plundering the inhabitants, the law of necessity will certainly justify their transfer to the country provided for them, west of the Mississippi. Should the President become satisfied that the Creek Indians are determined not to remove, and thus to insure their own destruction while they occasion great injury to our citizens, he will probably recommend, for the adoption of Congress, a plan for their removal, based upon the new state of things.

Very respectfully
Your mo. obt. Servt.

His Excellency C.C. Clay
Govr. of Alabama
Tuscaloosa.

14th March 1836 1150

Lt. M. W. Batman

Dy. Asst. Comrs.

Calhoun, Tenn:

J.H.B.

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March 14. 1836

Lt. M. M. Batman
Disby Agent Cherokees
Calhoun Tenn.

Sir. Yours of the 1st instant with monthly Abstracts of Disbursements for the month of Feby is this day received.

Enclosed herewith are compleat setts of Blanks according to your request in the abovementioned letter.

G. G.

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Hdqrs

Capt.

I am in the receipt of yours of the
4 Inst. Keep me constantly informed
of every thing of interest which may occur.

Capt. Jno: Page
n. d. a.
Supt. & Disbg Agt Creeks
Ft. Mitchell, Ala

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14 March 1836

Capt John Page
U. S. A.
Supt & Disb Q. M. Creek
Fort Mitchell Ala.

L. H. B.

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12 March / This forwarded from the War Dept.

Gentleman

Yr. letter of the 1st inst. to the Sec. of War has been referred to this office. I am instructed to say, that you are fully aware of the great desire of the Pres.t to remove the Creek Indians without unnecessary delay. But the Pres.t has another duty under the treaty besides that of removing them. He is bound to take care that the treaty is faithfully executed & that the Indians are not defrauded of their property. With all the allegations & statements before the War Dept. how could he justify it to himself or to the Country, to stop all these investigations on the mere ground that he was desirous of sending the Indians away. By doing this, he would violate the plainest principles of justice & bring the Govt. itself into reproach. You recommend that that Dr. McHenry's returns of cases set aside should be confirmed, & that the farther prosecution of the matter in Gn. Sanford's & Mr. Tarrant's districts should be stopped. The reason urged for this course is, that there are but few fraudulent cases in the two latter districts. And how few ought there

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to be to justify an examination. The allegations here do not lead to a confirmation of this opinion, that there are but few cases, if there are just grounds to suspect any those thus suspected ought to be inquired into, ~~if it~~ and it would indeed be a bad justification on the part of the Govt. to assume that there were few cases of fraud, & that therefore the whole matter should be stopped & the Indians sent away.

The investigations have not been conducted agreeably to the intentions of the Dept. By the possession & certificate of a Contract, prima facie rights are certainly acquired by the party holding it. It may indeed have been improperly & fraudulently obtained. But this must be shewn by some evidence before it can be set aside. The returns mad from Dr Mc Henrys district do not exhibit, with the exception of a very few cases, in which a summary of the evidence is given, & with the exception of others, stated to have been set aside by the consent of the parties

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very grounds for the action of the Presᵗ. They
ation have been therefor returned, & detailed instruc=
ses, tions have been given as to the mode of pro=
=ceeding. Two Gentlemen of high characte
ter, in Georgia have been associated with Col.
ti= Hogan; & all the necessary information for
that their prompt action has been transmitted to
ions them. They have been requested to proceed
with as much despatch as possible, & to close
the whole matter with the least possible
en delay. Immediately on receiving their report.
the Presᵗ will make his decision. & those con=
a =tracts not reversed will be delivered to the
ly parties. Where a reversal takes place, a new
in= Contract may be entered into & certified without
ly - delay. & for that purpose, one or more ad=
me =ditional Cert. agts. will be appointed.
'e I do not see the necessity of appeal=
=ict -ing to each Indian to ascertain whether fraud
very has been committed. If the Contract is fraud=
ence =ulently obtained, I should suppose that the
d to Indian party would, of his own accord make
ties, the complaint - particularly, as all the Indians

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must know that the investigating Commissioners will be going through their Country for the purpose of making these inquiries. The instructions have never been to make indiscriminate investigations. The examining agents are directed to inquire into those only when ~~frauds~~ probable cause ~~of fraud~~ is shewn. It is impracticable to define here what shall be a probable cause. That must be intrusted to the discretion of the Agents.

You will see by this communication that the Pres^t deems it his indispensable duty, from which he cannot depart, to investigate these allegations of frauds, ~~where~~ wherever there is probable cause to suspect their existence, even if ~~there~~ the cases are but few. You will see also that in doing this, he considers himself bound not to exercise an arbitrary discretion, but to judge in each case upon a summary of such facts as may be collected & exhibited.

And you will finally see, that every measure which seemed to be proper to bring these investigations to an immediate close, & thus to lead to the removal of the Indians without unnecessary delay, has been authorised.

Messrs Sanford & Co

Very &c

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Your accept
March 11. 36

Sir,

In reply to yr letter of the
6th ult, I trust a rep of the Comp
Genl of Subsis. respecg the charges
you have preferred against Capt
Russell.

Very to

Capt Wm Gordon
Rocky Hill
Ms

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

$ 10.000 — No. 11.

OFFICE OF Com.r Gen.l Sub.
Emig.n Dep.t Mar. 12 1836

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR:

Please to cause the sum of ——

ten thousand

Dollars to be remitted to the Cashier of the ~~Manhattan~~ Manhattan Bank at Newyork, to be placed at the credit and subject to the order of St. J.W Harris, Sub.t Agent, Seminoles ——

payable by draught on Nat.l Bank ——
for which Lt. J.W Harris —— is to be held accountable: to be charged as follows, viz.

TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR

Rem.l & Subs. of Indians,
p. Act appr.d 3 March 1835

Dollars.	Cents.
10,000	—
10.000	.

Respectfully,

G.G.

Washington

Sir

Enclosed for yr information is the Copy of a letter from Messrs Shotgun & Mayo & Copley. Five thousand dollars were promptly remitted to meet the draft. I shall immediately direct another deposit of Your credit in the Manhattan Bank of Five hundred & Thousand dollars

Lh Harris

C

Dept. to Fort King.

Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. of Subs.
March 21. 1836.

Lieut. S. W. Harris
Disbursing Agent Seminoles
~~Florida~~ Tampa Bay
Florida.

Sir,

I find that you have brought upon your ~~money~~ accounts for Disbursements in the 4th Qr. 1835 in the Removal & Subsistence of the Seminoles $13.400 that were advanced to you by the Office of Indian affairs - ~~and~~ as this sum is not applicable to the Removal & Subsistence of the Seminoles you will ~~please to rec~~ make your account for the next quarter to conform thereto - Thus - Your Balances on account of Rem. & Subs. of Seminoles will be less by that amount.

You will doubtless be instructed by the Commissioner of Indian affairs as to the mode of dis[illegible] that sum.

G G.

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11 March

Sir

Your letter of the 9th instant came to hand this morning. I regret exceedingly, that you should have met with any difficulty in receiving payment for the performance of a contract, which has been fulfilled with so much credit to yourself. The department knew that Lieut Harris had an abundance of funds to meet all his engagements, and supposed he had sufficient in deposite at New York. Measures have been taken, to have five thousand dollars placed to his credit in the Manhattan Bank, with the least possible delay, and thereby the amount can not be remitted as soon as I could wish, owing to the forms of office through which the remittance on public account must pass, all personal expectation that I can give, to hasten the remittance, shall be freely given.

The power of attorney, and protest, are herewith returned.

Chas A. Jackson Esq
New York

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11th March 1836

Wm. C. Easton Esqr

Mobile, Ala.

L.H.B.

Emigration of Indians
Office Com Gen'l Subs
March 11th 1836

Wm C Easton Esq.
Mobile, Ala.

Sir

Your ~~letter to this~~ ~~office~~ of the 22d ult. Resigning the appointment of the Chief Clerkship in this Office is just Received as is also, by reference, yours of the same date to the Secretary of War informing ~~him~~ of the Resignation. I am instructed by the Sec'y to say your Resignation is ~~[redacted]~~ Respectfully accepted.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

$ 5.000 — No 11.

OFFICE OF Emigration & Indian Affairs
Subsistence Dept. Mar. 10. 1836

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR:

Please to cause the sum of Five thousand ——

Dollars to be remitted to the Cashier of the Manhattan Bk at New York to be placed to the credit subject to the order of Lieut J. W. Harris Disb. Agt. ~~Creek~~ Seminoles —

payable by draught on said Bank for which Lt J W Harris —— is to be held accountable: to be charged as follows, viz.

TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR

	Dollars.	Cents.
Removal & Subs. of Indians fm. Act of 3rd March 1835	5000	.
	5000	

Respectfully.

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March 10. 1836.

Don: Lew. Cass

Secy. War

Gov
J. O

1 Bellamy

Sir,

I acknowledge the reference to the letter of Captain Gordon's letter & yours of the 6th Inst. relative to certain charges preferred by them against Captain J.B.F. Rapsel &c.

Capt Rapsel was duly furnished with a copy of the charges & I am in daily expectation of hearing from him in relation to them. Capt Rapsel, both will enable me to make such suggestions ~~to the Secretary~~ as to further action as the case may require

Levy Cass

10 Clock

Captain

Yours of the 20 inst is this day received. On the 9 July Blanks were forwarded to you I presume ere this arrangements [illegible] You & your command reply to Dr Bankhead. The Indians alluded to will have started for their new homes. You will pay all necessary & necessary expenses for Medical attendance Subsistence for three days Forage & transportation. Write to Dr B. that if they have not yet left to forward them with [illegible]

Capt Russel

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Messrs J. W. A. Sanford &
Columbus. Geo.
March 11. 1836

Ans.

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Holland 1836

Gentlemen

I have the honor to inclose herewith a Copy of a Letter addressed to me on the 26th ult. by Mr. Reuel Williams, and submitted to the Secretary of War, who instructs me to say "That the accounts will be paid agreeably to decisions heretofore given, and that the investigations must go on — For all decisions as the Government is to have the Records removed speedily. Still the President deems it his imperative duty to see that Justice is done to them as far as it depends on him."

Respectfully Yr. Obt. Servt.

Transcribed for Clay Stark

Let them be told that the annuity will be paid agreeably to the ~~instructions~~ directions heretofore given and also that the investigations must go on for all deserving as the Government is to have the Indians removed speedily, still the President deems it his imperative duty to see that justice is done to them as far as it depends on him. I do not know what is meant by the Tallassee payment.

The above from Genl Dearborn remarks on Mrs Danford's letter of 26th July —

March 8. 1836

Capt. J.B.F. Russell
Disbursing Agent Potawatamies
Chicago Illinois

Sir

Yours of the 15th. ultimo ~~is received~~ accompanying your accounts for Disbursements in the Removal of the Chippewa Ottawa Potawatamie Indians is received. The accounts will speedily be taken up for examination and the result made known to you.

G.G.

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5th March 1836

Capt. J. B. F. Russell

Chicago, Ill.

A.A.B.

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T Main

Sir

Enclosed is the Copy of a Communication
from the War department &c. - If Dr. Miller
can be usefully employed in the approaching
emigration you will consider yourself instructed
to call him into the service at the proper time
Her address is Lakeland Erie Co Pa.

G G.

Capt Rapsel

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March 5th 1838–

Doctr. J. W. Miller

Washr. City

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Doct. F. W. Miller Asst. Sec.
Washington City.

March 5. 1836

Sir.

I have this day sent your acct. as Asst. Sec. &c. for services, in the Emigration of Chippeways Ottawa and Potawatamie Indians in the S. W. Territory in 1835, to the Auditor — who will cause the amt. to be paid to you on your rect. at the Treasury.

G. G.

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Maj J. B. Brant

February 9th 1836

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February 9. 1836

Maj. J. B. Brant
Quartermaster U.S.A.
St Louis Mo.

Sir,

[redacted]

I have rec'd. your letter dated 9th ultimo accompanied by your account Current Abst. & vouchers for disbursements made in the 4th Q'r. of 1835. They will be examined as speedily as the pressure of business upon this office will admit, and sent to the Auditor for settlement.

G. G.

Jany 23d - 1836
Capt. J. Brown
or
Capt. J.R. Stephenson

Enclosed on 16th March to Capt.
David McClellan from this
Office

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Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. of Subs.
January 23. 1836

Capt. Jacob Brown
Principal Disbg Agent
Little Rock A.T.

Capt. J R Stephenson

Sir,

The Secretary of War has decided that Captain David McClelland late Sub Choctaw Indian Agent be paid for his extra services in the Choctaw emigration at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum for three years commencing November 1831.

Capt. McClelland under a former decision has received from you four hundred and fifty dollars. You will consequently pay to Captain McClelland three hundred dollars on his account specifying his services and the commencement and termination — In forwarding the voucher for this payment append a copy of this communication and the Secretary's decision as quoted below.

Respectfully
Yr Obt. Servt.

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No 1

Emigration of Indians
Office of the Com Subsist.
18th January 1836

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the ~~receipt~~ reference of sundry papers, in support of a claim for extra services rendered by Captain David McClellan late Sub. Indian Agent, in the emigration of the Choctaw Indians.— On reference to Mr Hamilton's official letter, of the 11 June 1831, to Captain McClellan, it will be perceived that additional compensation was promised, for the additional duties required of him by that communication.

Major Armstrong who was eminently qualified to judge of the services of Captain McClellan and the additional compensation which should be allowed him, recommends the allowance

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of Two hundred & fifty dollars per annum for the
three years Captain M. Clellan was employed
Four hundred & fifty dollars has been
already allowed & paid Capt. C for his
later services, and I respectfully & earnestly
recommend the additional allowance of
three hundred dollars, making in all
Seven hundred & fifty dollars, the sum
recommended by Major Armstrong
I have the honor to remain
Sir very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Lewis Cass
Sec. of War

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. of War
Washington City

J.H.13.

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Lewis Cass
Sec of War

Hon. Mr
Lewis Cass
Sec of War

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No 2

Doctor Rob^o J. Patton now Post Master at Little Rock
who was an efficient agent of the office in the late
removal of the Choctaws & Cherokees & the
value of the services rendered by Captain McC——
It is known that Capt McC in addition to his emigrating
duties as emigrating agent performed, in the absence of the regular
Choctaw Indian agent, the duties of the agency at
the very limited salary of $500 p. annum while the
agent was performing the duties of superintendent
for the removal of the emigrating Choctaws from
the East to the West of the Mississippi ——
~~the emigrating agents~~ agents received
$4 per diem, a full confidence Capt McC
was not the least efficient in performing these
duties & respectfully recommend he may be
allowed $4 per diem at the rate of $4 per diem
while employed as emigrating agent of
the Choctaws, deducting $50 already received

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Hon. Lewis Cass

Jany 11. 36

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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing a letter from Mr. Alexander Ramsay —

I am &c.

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for those services of the late Doctor the Court of this
Colony as Asst. Agent of Shoshonees —

G. G.

Hon.ble
Lewis Cass
Secy of War
Washn. City

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7 January 1836.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. enclosing an affadavit in support of the claim of Mr Jno. W. Vance, for personal services rendered to a small party of emi-grating Pottawatamie Indians. I am also in the receipt of a letter from Mr Vance dated 19th ultimo giving his own views & explanations relative to his claim. When Mr Vance first submitted ~~to this~~ his office his claim I applied to Capt Gordon, (who had conducted the party of Pottawatamies to their destination West of the Mississippi) for information relative to the justness of Mr Vance's claim. — I enclose for your information copies of my letter to Capt Gordon and his reply. — Neither Mr Vance's recent communication nor the affadavit you enclosed, have produced a change of the Opinion that Mr. V.

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has no claim for personal services in conducting the band of Pottawatamies alluded to.

Y. Y.

Hon.ble Jno. M. Robinson
of Illinois
Senate U.S.
Jany 11 '36

Hon.ble

John M Robinson
Of Illinois
Senate U.S.

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G. G.

Hon. Jno. M. Robinson
of Illinois
Senate U.S.
Jany 11 '36

Hon.ble

John M Robinson
Of Illinois
Senate U.S.

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Jno. W. Vance

Vandalia Ill.

" Jan'y 1836

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Emigration of Indians
Office of the Com: Gen.l of Sub.
Washington, 9th Jany 1836

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 19th ult.o and have also received through the Hon.ble Mr. Robinson the affidavit of Samuel McKenzie in relation to your claim — I can find no authority employing you in the Emigration of the Pottawatamies, Another has been paid for that service & my views communicated to you in my communication of the 17th Oct remain unchanged.

G. G.

Mr. Jno: W. Vance
Vandalia
Illinois

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Honble Lewis Cass

6th Jany 1836

L. H. B.

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Honble Lewis Cass

6th Jany 1836

L. H.13.

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Copy

Emigration of Indians
Office of the Com. Genl of Subs:
Washington, 6 Janry 1836

Governor,

I should be guilty of injustice were I longer to refrain from bringing to your notice, Mr. Basil Waring, a clerk in this office — Mr. Waring is a most attentive and highly efficient clerk, a young gentleman of the purest morals — unsolicited he returns to the office every evening, and rarely leaves it before 11 at night, devoting all his energies to business which could furnish employment to one or two more clerks.

Mr Waring has been efficiently employed in this Office for the last 3 years, his services have, from the intimate knowledge of the Emigration business, which he has obtained, become almost invaluable, and yet his salary is only 800 $. while the other clerks in this Office

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receive 1000 ℔. and even those who are temporarily employed are paid at the latter rate.

I most respectfully request that Mr. Waring may be put on the same footing, as regards salary with the other clerks, to commence 1st inst.

With great respect
Yr. Mt. Obt Servt.
(Signed) J. H. Hook
Major U. S. A.

P.S.

It may be as well to mention that Mr. Waring has a family

J.H.

The Honble
Lewis Cass
Sec: of War

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6 Janʸ 1836

Captain

Your letter of the 11 Inst. is received,

Your suggestions relative to advertising for
Proposals & Making a Contract for the Boats
Conveying Mails for the present Year,
Certainly Satisfactory

Yʳ Obᵗ Sʳᵛᵗ

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Capt Brown

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Lt Edward Deas

Care of Capt J. Bonnell

Pr Disby Agt

Little Rock

6 January 1836

L.M.B.

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Lt Edward Deas

Care of Capt J. Bonn

Pr Disby Agt.

Little Rock

6 January 1836

L.W.B.

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6 Jany

Sir

I have to acknowledge my Letter dated
at the receipt of yr ~~Communication~~
Communication of the 21 Ult. dated
& Enclosure One Note ~~of 7 Inst~~ 4 4

Le Sieur
Chef of Cafe. J Brown
Little Rock

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Col J. B. Hogan
Supt Creek Removal
Tuskegee
Macon Co Ala
Jany 5th 1836

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Col J. B. Hogan
Supt Creek Removal
Tuskegee
Macon Co Ala
Jany 5th 1836

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Capt John Page
Superintendent Removing
Creek Indians
Tuskegee
Macon Co
Alabama

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Emigration of Indians

Office of the Com^r on Ind^n Affs.

Washington 5 January 1836

Sir

From the present situation of the Creek Emigration, I am compelled & instruct you to discharge all your agents & Assistants on the receipt of this letter.

Prior to the time for action in the Spring, I request you will transmit to this office, the Accounts of your Agency duly checked & necessary to aid you in superintending the Enrolment, Collection & removal of the Creek Indians, & Capt W R Stanford Q^r M^r & State the nature of the agents duties & your views of their

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Capt. J. B. F. Rupell
Pr. Dept. Q. M. Gen.
Chicago Ill.
Jany 4th 1836

L. H. B.

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Your communication of the 2 Inst. from
Fort Leavenworth, is this day received

Capt. W. F. Raphel
Pr. Disbg. Agt.
Chicago, Ills.

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Lieut J. W. Harris
care of Capt Brown
Little Rock
Jan'y 4th 1836

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Emigration of Indians

Office of the Com: Genl of Subs:

Washington, Jany 4th 1836

Sir

Your enquiry of the 7th Ult. "whether the deposit banks are not bound to give drafts on the north or south as the interests of service may in the opinion of Disbursing Agents require" was referred to the Secretary of the Treasury. Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Woodbury's reply

G. G.

Lt Joseph W. Harris

Care of Capt J. Bonnell

U. S. Dis. Agt

Little Rock

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Hon: Thomas Corwin
House Represent.
U. S. — Jany 2nd 1836

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Hon Thomas Corwin
Hof Reps US.

January 2. 1838

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the reception of your letter of the 29th Ultimo; and in reply have to state that all the rifles to be furnished to the Indians under Treaty stipulations provided for by appropriations have been purchased. When contracts are to be made, notice is given through the public prints and the form of the proposals mentioned at the same time.

I have the honor to be
Your &c

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1932 SENEGAS (IMMIGRATION) J.J.ABERT SUPT. (CONTRACTS WITH TRANSFERS)

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Memorandum
between
Lieut. J. H. Lane
Leis. 2d Agent
and
Mr Myers Lewis —
Transportation
with Morrison
Lafayette and River

memorandum
between
Supt. J. H. Lane
Leis - Agent
and
Mr Myers Lewis -
transportation
with Morrison
Lafayette and Red River

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Memorandum.

It is hereby agreed between Sir J. F. Lane Bts. Agent on the part of the Ro. States. and Mr Myers Lords of the other part. As follows.

1st That said Mr Myers Lords shall supply the Arrowtown Indians with twenty six hundred lbs of good merchantable flour. Said flour to be delivered in bags at the Indian camp.

2nd That said Mr. Mr. Lords shall furnish one six mule team to be entirely under the direction of such person as Sr Lane may designate To haul (if required) twenty miles per day and carry (if required) twenty six hundred

3rd Sir J. F. Lane agrees to pay on delivery - Ninety one dolls for the 26 cwts flour.

4th Sir J. F. Lane agrees to pay for every days service of the team above mentioned. Four dolls & fifty cents. And four dolls and fifty cents for every twenty miles returning

Sr. J. F. Lane Bts Agent
Mr. T. Jones

Witness
H. Hurst

This was modified on this same day an agreement to supply them during 50 days from said

E V Long

J. C. Lafferty

Morrison & Reed

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Memorandum between
Surv. J. F. Sarro his Agent
and
Francis. A. Morrison. William
Lafferty and Elena Reed.

It is agreed that Morrison
Lafferty and Reed shall
furnish each one two horse
teams - To be constantly under
the direction of such person
as Surv Sarro may designate
for Surv Sarro at the rate of pay
for any day thus served by
each team. Three dollars per
day and Three
for any Twenty miles
returning.

Surv. J. F. Sarro

Aurora Cruz
11th Sept 1882

Francis A Morrison

Wm J. Lafferty

his
Elena X Reed
mark

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Bellefontaine Sept. 18. 1862

I bind myself, to furnish one two horse wagon, to Lieut J. H. Law Dis agent on the morning of the nineteenth inst — The employment of said wagon to continue from day to day under the direction of such person as Lieut Law shall designate until discontinued by due notice of Lieut. Law or of William Lafferty — two days notice from the former or five from the latter — The pay for said wagon, horses and driver to be three dollars per day.

The said Lafferty to receive two dollars & fifty Cents for every twenty five miles from the place of starting to the point where he is discharged

William Lafferty

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Bellefontaine Sept. 18. 1832

I bind myself to furnish one two horse wagon to Lieut. J. F. Lane Dis. agt. on the morning of the nineteenth. The employment of said wagon to continue from day to day under the direction of such person as Lt Lane shall designate until discontinued by due notice from Lt. Lane or said Francis A. Morrison two days notice from the former or five from the latter. the pay for said wagon horses and driver to be three dollars per day

The said Morrison to receive two dollars and fifty cents for every twenty five miles from the place of starting to the point where he is discharged. ~~on dismissal~~ - - ———

Francis A Morrison

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made on the 27th of September eighteen hundred and thirty two between Lt. J. F. Lane of the one part, and Francis Johnson ... of the other part.

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the said Lt. J. F. Lane ... for and on behalf of the **United States of America** and the said Francis Johnson for himself his heirs, executors, and administrators, have mutually agreed, and by these presents, do mutually covenant and agree to and with each other in manner following, to wit:

1st. That the said Francis Johnson shall furnish one good two horse wagon & team to report for duty at Hardin on the 25th & continue in service from day to day until discharged by five days notice from Lt. J. F. Lane. or five days notice from said Johnson. Said team to travel 25 miles per day if required & carry 1000 lbs. & be entirely under the direction of Staff person as Lt. J. F. Lane shall designate.

Lt. J. F. Lane. agrees to pay. for any days service. properly certified by the Superintendent under whose direction said team may be placed. three dolls & two dolls & fifty cents. for every 25 miles. return from point of starting & back of Richardson.

Five notice having been given by Lt Lane on the 25th. That said Johnson must have on the 27th. or consent. to remain. Two dolls & fifty cts. per day & two dolls. for every 25 miles on the return. The above agreement to remain good in all other respects. Said Johnson agrees to receive the aforesaid compensation. to commence on the 27th.

That the United States will be responsible for no accidents arising under, or growing out of, the foregoing Stipulations.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have hereunto placed their hands and seals the day and date above written.

Lt. J. F. Lane his Agt.

Francis Johnston

WITNESSES.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made on the 25. of September eighteen hundred and thirty two between Lieut. J. F. Lane of the one part, and Cephus Cary & Thos. M. Cary of the other part.

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the said Lieut. J. F. Lane Disb. agt. for and on behalf of the United States of America and the said Cephus Cary & Thos. M. Cary for themselves their heirs, executors, and administrators have mutually agreed, and by these presents, do mutually covenant and agree to and with each other in manner following, to wit:

1st. That the said Cephus Cary and Thos. M. Cary do bind themselves to furnish one two horse wagon to proceed to Van dalia Illinois at three dollers per day including all charges one two horse wagon and team at two dollars and fifty cents per day and two dollers for every twenty five miles between point of starting & place of discharge.

Said wagons to be at any time dismissed by two days notice from the proper Officer.

The second wagon to be withdrawn by giving five days notice in writing of intention to quit.

The time used for to be ascertained by the certificate of the conductor of the tribe to which such team may be attached

That the United States will be responsible for no accidents arising under, or growing out of, the foregoing Stipulations.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have hereunto placed their hands and seals the day and date above written.

WITNESSES. Lyn. M. Lane

Lt. J. F. Lane Dis Agt

Cephus Cary

Thomas M Cary

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made on the 26 of Sept. ___ eighteen hundred and thirty two ___ between Lieut. J. H. Lane of the one part, and Samuel Scott ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ of the other part.

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the said Lieut. J. H. Lane Dis. Agt. for and on behalf of the **United States of America** and the said Samuel Scott ___ ___ ___ ___ for himself his ___ heirs, executors, and administrators, have mutually agreed, and by these presents, do mutually covenant and agree to and with each other in manner following, to wit:

1st. That the said Samuel Scott, will furnish two two horse wagons and teams — to be entirely under the direction of such person as Lieut Lane may designate. To travel if required 25 miles per day. Load not to exceed one thousand pounds.

To be liable to dismissal by two days notice, from the proper officer and entitled to discharge by five days notice.

Time of service to be fixed by such certificate of such Conductor as may have it in Charge.

Lieut. J. H. Lane agrees to pay, for every day thus served — two dollars & fifty Cents and two dollars, for every 25 miles between the point of starting & point of discharge.

That the United States will be responsible for no accidents arising under, or growing out of, the foregoing Stipulations.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have hereunto placed their hands and seals the day and date above written.

WITNESSES. Geo. W. Lane

D. D. T. Quartermaster
Dis. Disbursing Agent.
Samuel Scott

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made on the 20th of September eighteen hundred and thirty two between St. J. F. Sarre of the one part, and Elzy Heiatt & Thomas Turnbull of the other part.

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part for and on behalf of the **United States of America** and the said Elzy Heiatt & T. Turnbull for themselves their heirs, Executors, and administrators, have mutually agreed, and by these presents, do mutually covenant and agree to and with each other in manner following, to wit:

1st. That the said parties of the ~~first part~~ shall furnish each One two horse wagon to be entirely under the direction of such person as St Sarre may designate. To travel if required 25 miles per day ~~&~~

Load not to exceed one thousand lbs

To be liable to dismissal by two days notice from the proper officer - and entitled to discharge by five days notice.

Time of service to be fixed by certificate of such Conductor as may have it in charge.

St. J. F. Sarre agrees to pay for every day thus served - two dolls fifty cts ~~7~~ two dolls. for every 25 miles return. point of starting & point of discharge.

That the United States will be responsible for no accidents arising under, or growing out of, the foregoing Stipulations.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have hereunto placed their hands and seals the day and date above written.

WITNESSES.
Geo. M. Lane
" "

Elzy Heiatt
St. J. F. Sarre. Lieu Agt.
T. Turnbull 1 team

Contract
with Hamtter
Simpkins, Collins
Stanley Turnbull

Articles of Agreement, made on the
Second of October - eighteen hundred & thirty two
between Lieut. J. F. Lane of the first part, and
Jonathan Stanley
of the second part.

This Agreement Witnesseth, that the said
Lieut. J. F. Lane, Disb. Agent, for and on behalf
of the United States of America, and the said
parties of the second part, for themselves their
heirs, executors, and administrators, have mutually
agreed, and by these presents do mutually covenant
and agree to and with each other in manner following
to wit.

1st That the said parties of the second part
will furnish, each, one four horse wagon
and team - to be entirely under the direction of
such person as Lieut Lane may designate.
To travel if required twenty miles per day
Load not to exceed two thousand pounds.
To be liable to dismissal by two days notice
from the proper officer - and entitled to discharge
by five days notice.

Time of service to be fixed by Certificate of
such Conductor, as may have it in charge.

Lieut. J. F. Lane agrees to pay for every
day thus served - three dollars and fifty cents
and two dollars and fifty cents for every 25
miles between point of starting and point
of discharge.

That the United States will be responsible
for no accidents arising under, or growing
out of, the foregoing Stipulations. In witness
whereof, the parties have hereunto placed their hands & seals
the day and date above written.

Lt. J. F. Lane Disb Agt

Witness
[illegible] Jonathan Stanley
John Collins

Elliott. [redacted]

I bind myself to furnish one four horse wagon and team - for transporting Indians rations - to be entirely under the direction of such officer as Genl J. H. Lane may designate.

To travel twenty miles per day & to be paid to the 25th inst. if required.

Time of service to be fixed by such Certificate of such Conductor as shall have it in charge.

For every day that served Genl J. H. Lane Dist. Atty. agrees to pay three dollars & fifty cents & three dollars & fifty cents for every 20 miles between point of starting and discharge.

Indianapolis
7th Oct. 1852

Elliott M. Patterson

Witness - Geo. W. Lane

October 29. 1832. Sir, I have just been informed of an error in the rates allowed for each two horse team, about to work with Senecas to the Locks. The intention was to pay them an addition of fifty cents per day while going and of twenty five cents per day while returning, above the rates now paid these teams. You will please to settle with them accordingly, and at the same rate of miles per day when returning as heretofore.

I. I. Abert
Lieut. Engr.
in Charge of the Sandusky.

Disbursing Officer
with the Senecas.

Senate Office
31st October 1832

We have mutually agreed that the emigrating Ohio Indians their horses & all the persons & horses connected with the emigration. shall be ferried across the Mississippi in a safe & comfortable manner. at the following rates -

For each person - 8 cts
For each horse 1 1/2 " 8 cts.

Children & colts to be conveyed free of charge -

Gr. J. F. Sands Agent Sac Ind

E. Kaiser

Memorandum.

It is understood that children
are persons under 7 about eight
yrs of age — Colts — foaled
last Spring —

Lower Alton
30th Oct. 1832